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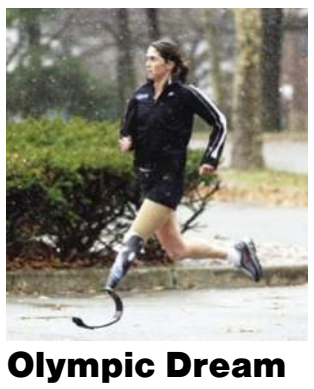

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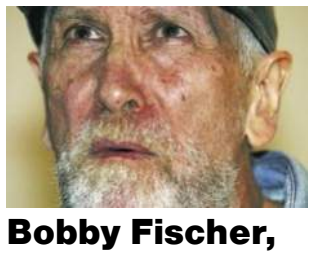

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Effective since Friday, Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela suspended the delivery of public services on the island due to the lack of money to buy fuel for his office's vehicles.

Public services affected include all water truck deliveries, all quarry operations and coral deliveries, all road repairs, junk car removal, site preparations for wakes and funerals, village cleanups, and beautification projects.

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Cruz expects alien workers at motorcade

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TaoTao Tano CNMI Association president, Greg Cruz said he is expecting some nonresident guest workers to participate in today's anti-federalization rally.

"I don't believe all of them are for the federalization bill," Cruz said.

Cruz explained that he believes that some of the nonresident workers feel that the Dekada Movement has been messing up their chances of getting their employment contracts renewed.

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Autopsy: Hawaiian boy died from fall

By AUDREY McAVOY
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HONOLULU (AP)—A toddler thrown from a pedestrian overpass onto a busy freeway died from the 30-foot (9-meter) fall, not the vehicle that ran over him, the city medical examiner said.

An autopsy showed Cyrus Belt, who would have turned 2 early next month, died from "multiple blunt force injuries due to fall from height," the examiner said Friday.

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Around the CNMI

Garment board to initiate distribution of $2M

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The Garment Oversight Board chaired by former judge Timothy H. Bellas will conduct a five-phase plan to distribute over $2 million that remains in the class lawsuit against the garment industry.

Bellas told *Saipan Tribune* that GOB's proposed plan was approved by U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Alex R. Munson during a recent hearing.

Bellas said Munson approved the plan but not as to the facts of the submission since when he submitted it to the court they didn't know if the judge will extend the board's term.

"What I have to do is to recompute the numbers because I have to take out the expenses of the GOB until July. In addition we found out that there's some more money with the lawyers for plaintiffs and they are holding that in case of tax issues, as well as with Gilardi (small claims administrator)," he said.

Under phase one of the plan, Bellas said they are going to make an initial distribution of $192,385.97 to 332 settlement class members.

Minus taxes, the remaining balance of the $2 million would then be distributed to all persons who have received an initial payment.

Under phase two of the plan, the board will establish a Garment Workers Trust Fund to be administered for a period of two years.

Bellas said the trust fund is intended for the benefit of repatriating and assisting garment workers who encounter difficulties from the winding down and ultimate closure of the garment industry.

The trust fund will receive all the checks in the second supplemental distribution that will not be cashed and revert to the GOB account.

Bellas said that experience from prior distributions indicates that it is unlikely, due to various factors, that all of the checks mailed as part of the second supplemental distribution will be cashed within a finite period.

Under phase three of the plan, upon the expiration of the two-year term of the Garment Workers Trust Fund, the trustees would solicit proposals from non-profit charitable organizations in the CNMI and make donations to one or more of such organizations.

The final phase of the plan calls for the GOB and the trustees to provide an accounting of the distribution of all funds distributed under the plan and the trust fund to the court.

Munson had extended again the board's term until July 31, 2008, in order to receive all remaining funds and to distribute the money in accordance with the settlement agreement and the plan of distribution.

The board was initially set up to oversee the monitoring program of the garment industry pursuant to the settlement agreement.

The court ordered the board to receive from the claims administrator all remaining funds and distribute the money to garment workers eligible under the settlement agreement.

The San Francisco-based claims administrator Gilardi and Co. was previously assigned to distribute the settlement money to the workers.

Gilardi reported that 13,725 checks were cashed, for a total distribution of $2.28 million to workers located in 17 countries.

'Alien workers intentionally not picking up checks'

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TaoTao Tano CNMI Association president Greg Cruz suspects that nonresident workers are intentionally not picking up their checks and plane tickets owed them at the Labor Department because they don't want to go home.

More than 300 checks and repatriation tickets owed to nonresident workers remain uncollected at the Department of Labor.

Cruz said that guest workers are not picking up the checks because "they are waiting for the impending federal takeover."

"Instead of going and picking up those checks and going home, they [nonresident workers] run to the Federal Ombudsman to file a different case, stating that they have not received their checks," Cruz said.

Labor Administrative Division director Rose Ada-Hocog said that many companies have been making payments on back wages and monetary awards for complaining workers. "It's just that employees are not coming by to pick them up or follow up."

Many of the checks, according to Ada-Hocog range in the thousands of dollars, "and they are just sitting here."

Ada-Hocog said the uncollected checks and repatriation tickets date to as far back as 1993 up to the last year and that many of them are thought to be invalid as they are past their legitimate endorsement dates.

"They are payments that employers were ordered to pay their employees as settlement for unpaid wage claims and for whatever other types of damages that were awarded to the employees," she said.

Cruz asked: "So what if they [alien workers] are intentionally not picking up their checks? Is that going to be the CNMI's problem?"

Smith Barney promotes Guam's Miyashita

NEW YORK, NY—Smith Barney announced this week that Financial Advisor, Jason B. Miyashita, of the Hagatna, Guam office, has been promoted to Second Vice President - Wealth Management.

"This is a result of Miyashita's superior dedication to clients, significant contributions to the industry and his proven leadership skills," the company said in a statement.

Miyashita reports to Jarrett Z. Kovics, branch office manager in Honolulu, HI.

Miyashita has been a member of Smith Barney for three years with six years served within the financial services industry.

As a partner on the Asia Pacific Group Team at Smith Barney, he provides a full suite of investment services to institutions, corporations, foundations, endowments, high net-worth investors and business owners focusing on wealth management, retirement planning, estate planning, and investment management.

The AsiaPacific Group currently services clients in Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands and Asia.

A graduate of The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in Economics and concentrations in Accounting, Finance and Strategic Management and Fr. Duenas Memorial High School, Miyashita holds the Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist, Accredited Investment Fiduciary, and Financial Planning Specialist designations.

Miyashita is an active member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay Guam, Guam Chamber of Commerce, Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies. ***(PR)***

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Fund suer names wrong defendant

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A Superior Court judge has not totally dismissed the seven-year-old lawsuit filed by a former Commonwealth Ports Authority official as there are still issues that need to be decided.

Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama, however, dismissed Carlos A. Shoda's claims against the NMI Retirement Fund, saying the Fund can only be sued through its trustees.

Shoda, a former CPA executive director, had sued the Fund for deductions made on his retirement benefits.

Lizama allowed Shoda, if he chooses, to amend his complaint to name the correct defendant in the case.

"In this case, the only proper way to bring claim against the defendants is through the board of trustees, in the corporate name," the judge said.

"As a general concept, sovereign immunity is the theory that controls this case. A state entity such as the defendants may only be sued if this right has been granted by the Commonwealth," Lizama said.

Shoda was the executive director for CPA at various times between the years of 1976 to 1989 and 1994 to 1997.

At the time Shoda retired, he was approved for retirement benefits by the Retirement Fund based on a calculation of total credited service of 33 years, nine months, and 21 days, which would entitle him to a monthly pension of $5,761.64, paid semi-monthly.

CPA, at the time he retired, allowed accrual of overtime and compensatory time to be calculated into the determination of his retirement benefits. His retirement benefits were paid at this higher rate until 1998.

In 1998, the Fund received notice from an independent investigation that CPA had calculated retirement benefits for former employees improperly such as by including overtime and compensatory time for employees who were employed via excepted service contracts.

The Fund awaited findings from the independent investigator who concluded that CPA had determined retirement benefits in contradiction to the laws of the CNMI.

The Fund, along with the Attorney General, determined that these improperly paid benefits would have to be recovered from Shoda.

The Fund informed Shoda they would be reducing his retirement benefits in April 2000 by deducting the allegedly improperly granted compensatory time and overtime.

According to their calculations, Shoda had been overpaid in excess of $20,000. The Fund would therefore reduce his benefits to recover the alleged overpayment.

The Fund subsequently reduced his payments. Shoda requested an appeal of the Fund's determination. He then filed the lawsuit.

An administrative hearing was held, where the initial decision to reduce Shoda's retirement payment was affirmed.

The Fund, through counsel James E. Hollman, moved to dismiss the claims against the agency.

In his decision, Lizama said that, in order to dismiss the case, the following must be proven: "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

The Fund asserted that the claim cannot proceed against the agency because the Fund cannot be sued.

Lizama said the Fund may not be sued except its trustees in its corporate name. Because Commonwealth laws do not allow the Fund to be sued, Lizama said the plaintiff must amend his complaint and sue the board of trustees in their corporate name.

Allowing Shoda to amend his complaint against the proper defendant the court does not deprive either party of any interest, the judge said.

"The board of trustees, in their corporate name, is the real party in interest. Nearly seven years have passed in the time between filing of complaint and defendant's current motion. It is not unjust or an undue burden to allow plaintiff to amend the complaint and name the correct party," Lizama said.

Free lecture by noted writer

The NMI Council for the Humanities is inviting the public to attend a lecture by noted author PF (Fred) Kluge, titled "Writing on Saipan: Writing About Saipan."

The lecture will be held Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, at 6:30pm, at the Visitors' Center Theater of the American Memorial Park. Admission is free.

Since coming to Saipan in 1969 as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, PF (Fred) Kluge has made Saipan a major theme in many of his nine books and in numerous magazine articles. His first novel, *The Day That I Die*, was set on Saipan. His nonfiction book, *The Edge of Paradise,* covered Saipan.

With a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Kluge is writer-in-residence at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where he offers courses in modern literature and fiction writing. Read more about Dr. Kluge at http://pfkluge.com/. ***(PR)***

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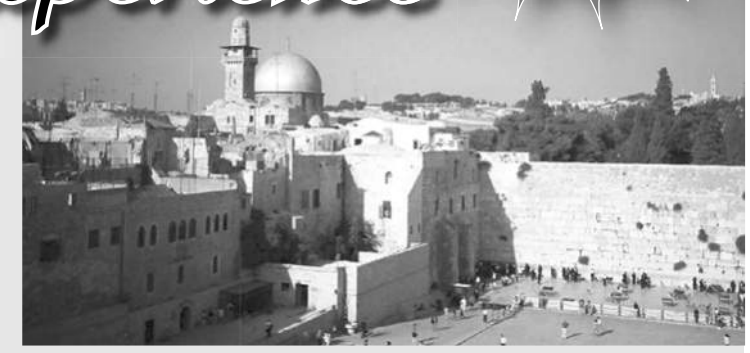

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Another exciting offer from the Grand

Poker cashier, operator settle lawsuit

The federal court has dismissed a Nepalese poker arcade cashier's lawsuit against her former employer for allegedly refusing to pay her overtime compensation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson dismissed with finality Kamala Bade Mesik's lawsuit after she and defendant DKK Inc. agreed to settle the case.

Munson approved the settlement agreement.

To settle the case, DKK agreed to pay Mesik $5,000 representing unpaid wages, liquidated damages, attorney's fees and court costs.

In May 2007, Mesik sued DKK Inc. and its principal owner Kim Hong Kyun for violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Mesik, through counsel Danilo T. Aguilar, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order the defendants to pay her unpaid overtime, liquidated damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Aguilar said in the complaint that his client was hired on Jan. 16, 2006 by Kyun to work as cashier at DKK Poker in Koblerville, Saipan.

Aguilar said that Mesik was required to work a substantial amount of time in excess of 40 hours per week.

Defendants, however, have not paid Mesik all overtime worked, as required under the FLSA, the lawyer said.

Pursuant to the agreement, the parties "admit that no statement of fact or opinion has been made by any of them, or anyone acting on behalf of them, to induce their consent to this stipulated settlement." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Ex-DCCA deputy chief barred from employing alien workers

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The Department of Labor has permanently barred former Department of Community and Cultural Affairs deputy secretary Carmen C. Cabrera from employing alien workers for breaching a Labor-approved settlement agreement with her two former workers.

Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Jerry Cody also ordered Cabrera to pay within 20 days Natalie P. Ocon and Ana Marie P. Ocon $3,146 and $3,206 in unpaid wages and liquidated damages respectively.

If Cabrera fails to comply with the terms of the order, Cody said the Labor director should take steps to obtain coverage under the applicable surety bond for this employment.

Cody said that Cabrera's failure to pay timely monthly installment payments constitutes a breach of the settlement agreement, a violation of a Labor administrative order, and justifies the awarding of liquidated damages.

Labor records show that in 2003, the Ocons filed a labor complaint against Cabrera, alleging non-payment of wages. In November 2006, the parties entered into a settlement agreement. Labor approved the agreement.

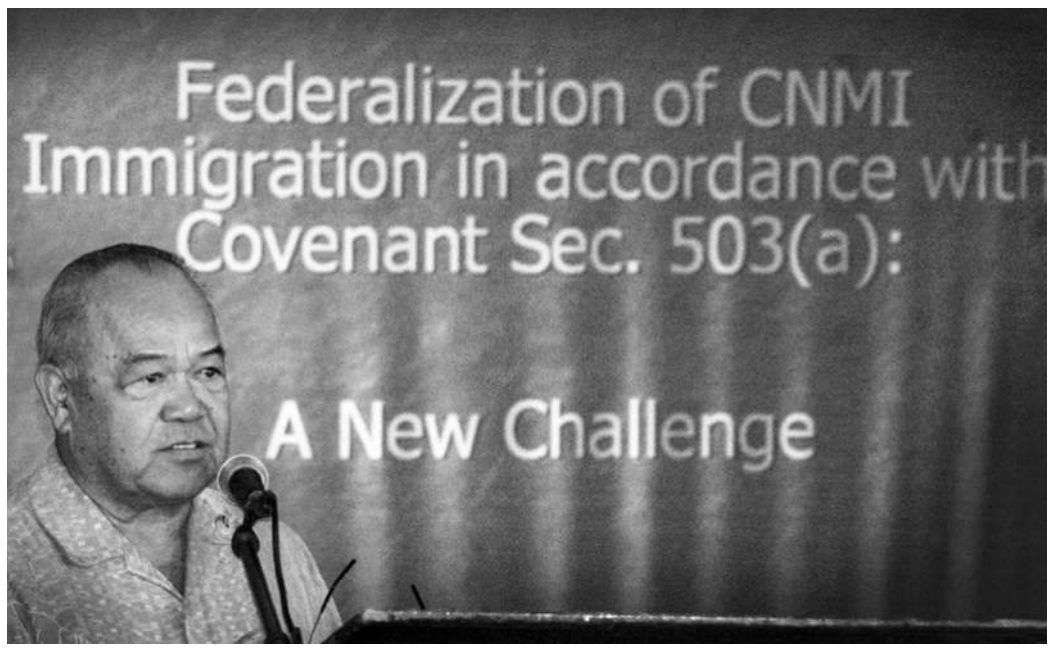
Under the agreement, Cabrera agreed to pay $1,973 to Natalie Ocon and $2,003 to Ana Ocon, in full settlement of the case.

The agreement called for Cabrera to pay the settlement in monthly installments of $100 each to each complainant commencing on Dec. 1, 2006 and continuing until fully paid.

Cabrera paid the first four installments amounting to $400 to each worker, but then stopped all payments beginning April 2007.

Labor then set a hearing for Jan. 9, 2008 to determine why the respondent had not paid the settlement and why additional sanctions should not be imposed.

Cabrera, however, did not show up at the hearing.



GUEST SPEAKER JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio delivers his speech on federalization and its impact on the CNMI during the Society for Human Resource Management-CNMI Chapter's first general membership meeting Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret Thursday.

100 lose jobs as layoffs hit Fiji firms

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Times/PIR)—About 100 people have been laid off by two local companies that are struggling to survive post-2006 coup period.

Flour Mills of Fiji has closed down two milling factories and Fiji Fish Marketing Group has tied up four of its vessels.

Both companies say more job losses are inevitable in the upcoming months if nothing is done by the interim Government.

FMF Group of Companies chairman Hari Punja said they would be closing the rice and pea milling factories because of the impact the reduction in import duty for the two products had on their operations.

The company started sending people home from the beginning of the year. Twenty people have lost their jobs and 20 others are indirectly affected.

Import duty on split peas reduced from 27 to 5 percent and polished white rice from 27 to 15 percent.

Punja said the company had already placed orders for prepacks.

"We are gradually closing the activities and will be completely shut down by the end of this month," he said.

He said the mills have been operating for 15 years and the company had put on hold FJ$30 million [US$19.6 million] worth of projects, which would have created 120 new jobs.

He said the company had written to the interim Finance Minister to voice their grievances but the minister had come back to them saying he could not help them.

Interim Finance Minister Mahendra Chaudhry could not be contacted yesterday despite several attempts made.

Fiji Fish executive chairman Grahame Southwick said they had already tied up four vessels which left 60 people unemployed at the beginning of this month.

"We are looking at closing another five or six in the upcoming months depending on the submission we have made to the Finance Ministry," he said.

If five to six more vessels are tied up about 200 to 300 people will be unemployed, he said.

Southwick said, as a result of uneven conditions applied to foreign and local vessels, foreign vessels were able to operate around 30 percent lower in their operation cost.

"They pay no license fee to Fiji, no duty or fuel or inputs, no Reserve Bank of Fiji compliance and yet employ foreign crew," he said.

He said in the 2008 budget duty on fishing inputs such as bait and other things increased from 3 to 5 percent.

"Local companies are forced to pay all these costs," he said. "In spite of various submissions over the years to various governments in relation to this matter, the response has been further increase charges to the locals and to continue the subsidies to the foreign operators."

Fiji Employers Federation chief executive Ken Roberts said the decision taken by individual companies was economical and the companies should not be blamed.

Suva Chamber of Commerce president Dr. Nur Bano Ali said the chamber had received complaints and that these two companies employed 2000 people collectively.

She said no economy could progress without a local thriving private sector.

"Already Fiji is suffering from high unemployment levels and government should assist wherever it can to facilitate the need to ensure existing employment is maintained," she said.

Lack of funds for fuel paralyzes Tudela' office

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In a statement issued Friday, Tudela said that the payment for Mobil Oil Marianas has been slow and was just completed Friday by the Department of Finance.

Saipan Mayor's Office public information officer Tony Benavente said, "Those services are temporarily suspended until Finance cuts a check for Mobil and sends it to Singapore."

Once Mobil Singapore receives the payment, fuel accounts will resume and services will again be extended, he said.

Tudela said that services are expected to resume by next Friday, Jan. 25, 2008.

In March of last year, the Saipan Mayor's Office was also forced to suspend public services due to the lack of funds for his office's vehicles.

Tudela explained that his office would not be able to do its regular chores without the necessary fuel for its service vehicles. He said that he didn't have any choice but to forego and delay some services.

Last year, Tudela said, the Office of Management and Budget instructed his office to cut salaries across-the-board and reduce the municipality of Saipan's annual budget from $1.9 million to $1.1 million.

Tudela said his office couldn't live with that limit and he refuses to further cut the small salaries of his workers.

The mayor is seeking the full understanding and patience of the public.

"We are doing our best to meet the needs of the local community," said Tudela.

'It was the 30-foot fall that killed him'

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Police arrested a 23-year-old neighbor of the boy. Charges were pending, police spokeswoman Michelle Yu said.

Witnesses say they saw the man hold Cyrus in the air on the pedestrian overpass Thursday and then drop him to the asphalt below. One or two vehicles may have struck the boy.

The man, who was wearing green hospital scrubs, was taken to the police station and then to a hospital, Yu said. She didn't know whether he had a history of mental illness or a criminal record.

Several people visited the overpass Friday, leaving balloons, stuffed animals and flower lei in Belt's memory.

The police, meanwhile, continued to investigate how the suspect allegedly got hold of the child, Yu said. The man acted erratically after his arrested, screaming "Thank you!" into reporters' microphones and rocking back and forth in a police car.

The child's mother, Nancy Asiata Chanco, told reporters she would never let the neighbor take care of Cyrus.

"He was strange" and "not all there," Chanco told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. "He always tried to hold the baby," she said.

Chanco, 33, said she left Cyrus with her boyfriend and her father, who was sleeping in their apartment. Her boyfriend later left to take her to appointments. She said the door to her apartment was not locked, but the screen door was. She suspects Cyrus opened the door for the neighbor.

"I don't know what happened," Chanco said. "How can somebody do that?"

Chanco has two other two boys, ages 16 and 5.

Taotao Tano leads today's anti-federalization rally

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"Not a lot of these people agree with the Dekada Movement. As you can see, the Movement is hurting their own people," said Cruz.

Cruz explained that since the federal minimum wage increase, "a lot of businesses cannot afford it and they had to let some of their employees go."

Cruz expressed hope that nonresident workers who oppose the federalization bill will show up at today's rally.

"We welcome them. It's open to everybody," said Cruz.

Today's peaceful rally is intended to serve as a response to the "political activism of the CNMI's nonresident worker population clamoring for federalization to secure improved immigration status."

Participants will gather at the Garapan Fishing Base, across the Kristo Rai Church on Beach Road, at 10am. A motorcade will begin at 11am, to be followed by a barbecue and pot lock luncheon at the fishing base.

"The overwhelming majority of our CNMI residents are strongly against federalization, but they have not spoken out or made their views clear," said Cruz. "This event is an opportunity for all of our residents to join together against federalization without representation."

Cruz said CNMI residents must put their differences aside and unite as one community to speak out against federalization, which he called "the greatest threat to the CNMI's economy and local self-government.

According to Cruz, today's rally will be composed of Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and Covenant Party members, "all united in one common cause: to express strong opposition to the U.S. government's plan to federalize the CNMI and strip it of its local autonomy during a very critical period in its economic and political development."

NMI JROTC conducts joint color guard

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Four of the five high schools in the CNMI that host the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps were represented at the Board of Education's inauguration held at the Multi-Purpose Center on Monday.

The CNMI PSS JROTC Program conducted a joint color guard that consisted of four cadets led by cadet Capt. Angelo Ayuyu of Kagman High School. The other color guard members included cadet Maj. Alfred Manlulu of Tinian High School, cadet SFC Tristan Ecalnea of Saipan Southern High School and cadet SFC Edward Dela-Cruz of Marianas High School.

Cadet 1st Lt. Elisa Taiscan of Rota High School had been selected by the Director of Army Instruction to sing the U.S. national and CNMI anthems but, according to LTC Robert Gay, "she could not make the trip due to airline difficulties."

Former cadet and Marianas High School graduate Joan Liwanag volunteered to sing the two national anthems.

"Joan did a superb job," said Gay.

Master Sergeant John Salas, who is now retired, oversaw the color guard practice Sunday last week.

Gay said, "Normally, each high school JROTC program conducts their own color guards with members of their high school JROTC programs. The cadets who performed the color guard on Monday did a great job working in close unison developed over a short period of time."

All five high schools within JROTC were supposed to be represented at the ceremony. "We had all but a cadet from Rota due to the airline problems with Freedom Air."

"We always try to get the kids and the schools together as they are all team members and truly deserving of all the praise they receive from the adult community," said Gay.

The color guard, under the auspices of Salas, helped prepare the center on Saturday just in time for the inauguration ceremony, with members of the CNMI PSS staff that included PSS Legal Office, the Human Resources Office and the Commissioner of Education's Office.

Continental Connection exceeds 2007 goals

INATUAS DANCERS JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ
Members of the Inatuas Cultural Dancers render a traditional dance number during Thursday night's Garapan Street Market at the Paseo de Marianas.

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Continental Connection, operated by Cape Air, announced this week an outstanding performance for yearend 2007.

The commuter airline reported a segment completion factor of 99.07 percent; departures on time at 95.3 percent; and arrivals within 14 minutes at 97.2 percent. In the last quarter of 2007, the airline recorded 64 perfect days, rounding out the year with 257 perfect days.

Achieving a perfect day means no delay or cancellations of flights, and a 100 percent completion factor means that every flight was completed and without a single cancellation.

"Cape Air's operational success means dependable service for our customers traveling within the Marianas," Continental Micronesia managing director Dan Morgan.

Cape Air's performance last year is noteworthy because the airline operated more than 100 days with only one aircraft. Its second aircraft underwent a routine maintenance program.

"The airline faced significant challenges with only one aircraft available, yet its excellent maintenance program and perfect ground and air coordination, Cape Air performed exceptionally well in 2007. Our customers can expect Cape Air to continue to deliver excellence in 2008," said Morgan.

In 2007, Cape Air flew over 680,000 passengers with over 120,000 flight operations in destinations around the world including New England, the Caribbean, Florida, Indiana and Micronesia.

Continental Micronesia and its code share partner Cape Air operate 86 weekly commuter service flights between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Happy birthday greetings go out to Jun Hernandez, who is celebrating his birthday today, Jan. 20, 2008. "May all your wishes come true. We love you!" From your family, friends and baby boo.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

MYSTERY SHOPPERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Must have computer access with internet.
EARN $$$
Email:vpickard@frontlinefocus.com

DISCONNECTION NOTICE

PTI would like to remind its customers that payments not received by close of business on January 22nd, will result in temporary suspension of all telephone services after 6:00 p.m. on that day. To prevent temporary suspension, customers must pay their bills on or before January 22nd.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTIFICATION PTI CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE*.

Per an earlier announcement, PTI is no longer mailing out past due notices as of 11/01/06.

* You have the right to dispute this notice. You must state your claim in person or in writing no later than January 22nd. You must pay any amount not in dispute to avoid disconnection. Payment denotes acceptance of all charges.

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SAIPAN
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All for only $25 for adults, $12.50 for kids 5-11
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• Italian Pasta Station
• Okonomeyaki Station (Japanese Pizza)
• California Mexican Station
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Call 233-6414 For Reservation and Inquiries

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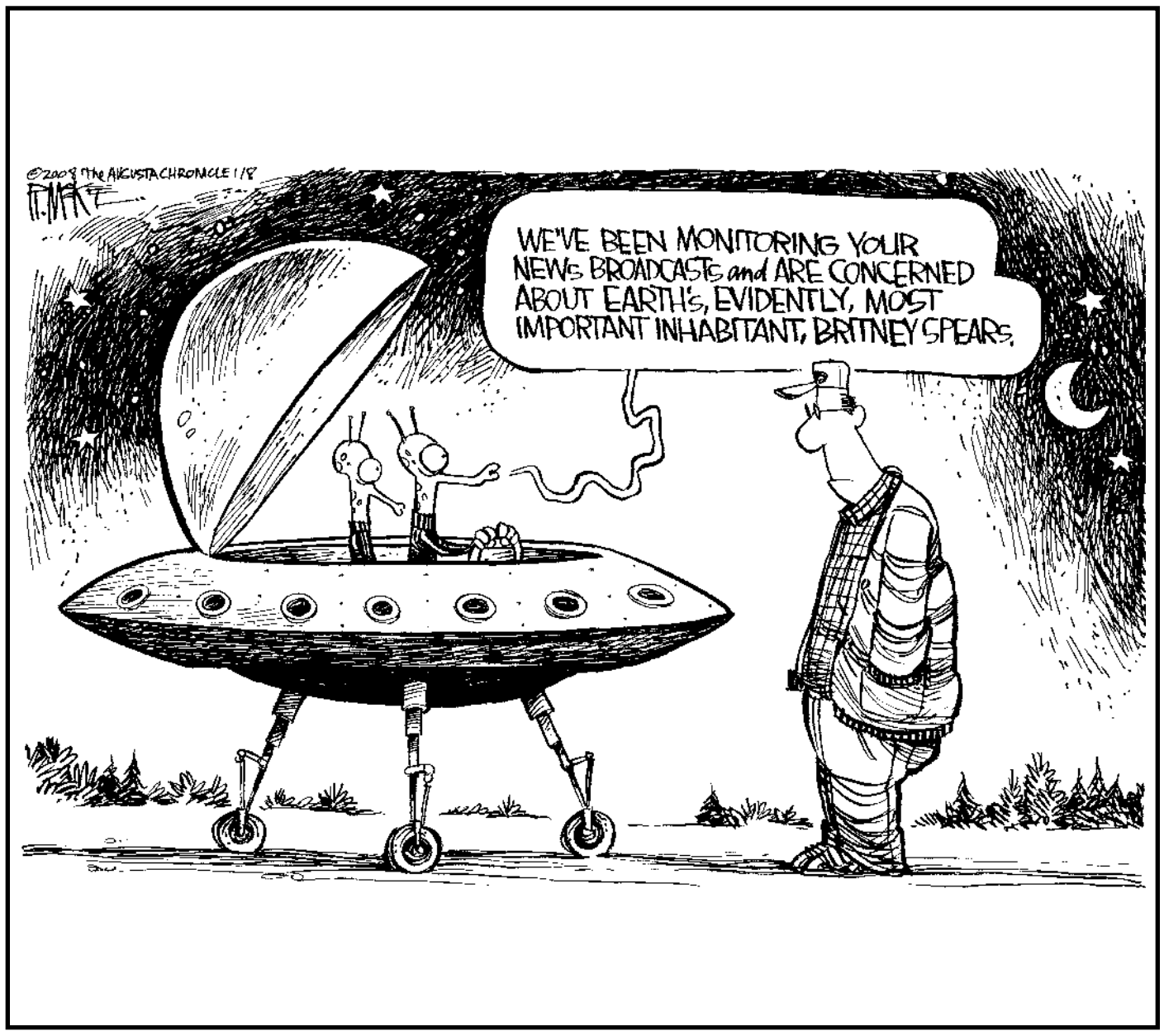
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WE'VE BEEN MONITORING YOUR NEWS BROADCASTS and ARE CONCERNED ABOUT EARTH'S, EVIDENTLY, MOST IMPORTANT INHABITANT, BRITNEY SPEARS.

[redacted] The *Saipan Tribune* welcomes comments on any article, column, editorial, or topic that may be of interest to the public. Letters to the editor must include the name, address, and contact number of the contributor. Letters that are critical in nature should focus on issues, not personalities. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, CIC Centre, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

Sattelite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.
▲82° ▼76°	▲82° ▼75°	▲84° ▼74°	▲85° ▼73°	▲84° ▼74°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲87	▼76
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼80
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲87	▼75
Majuro	Cloudy	▲85	▼76

Around The Globe

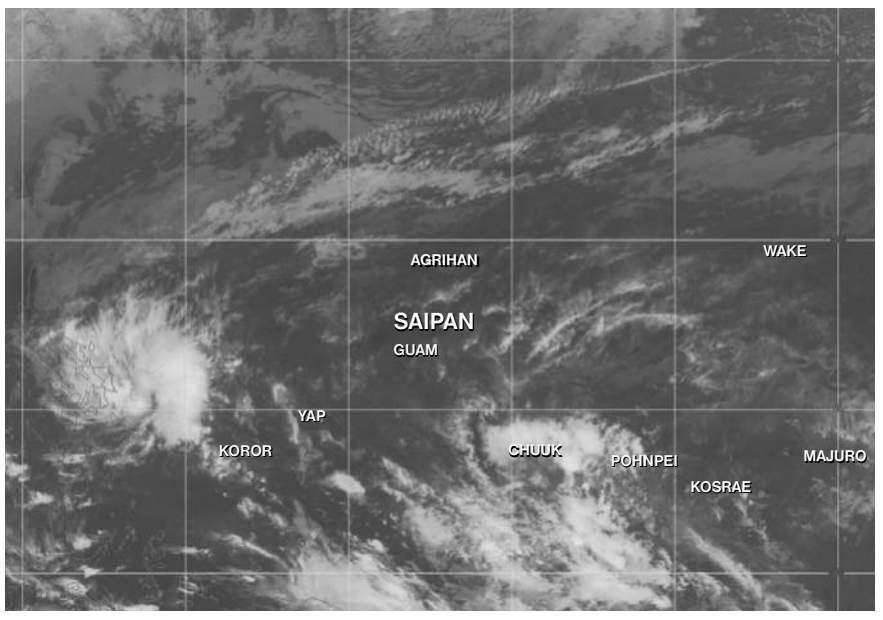
Auckland	Rain	▲79	▼70
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲26	▼19
Hong Kong	Partly Sunny	▲70	▼63
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼68
London	Rain	▲52	▼41
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼46
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲83	▼74
Melbourne	Partly Sunny	▲79	▼59
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼62
New York	Cloudy	▲25	▼17
Osaka	Cloudy	▲40	▼38
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲53	▼42
Pusan	Rain	▲50	▼39
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲59	▼43
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲42	▼20
San Francisco	Partly Sunny	▲55	▼41
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲36	▼25
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲48	▼35
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲31	▼16

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:13AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:52AM Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
4:38PM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 2008
Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shearline extends northeastward from 19N142E to end near 24N150E. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 300 miles north of this boundary. A cold front stretches from 25N180 to 21N172E, then continues as a shearline to 21N156E. Cloudiness and scattered showers are located along and up to 200 miles north of this boundary. A circulation east of the Philippines is triggering scattered showers and thunderstorms west of 131E from 8N to 13N. A near-equatorial trough extends eastward and southeastward from 3N135E to 3N150E to end at EQ160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between the equator and 5N from 143E to 160E. Convergent winds are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over chuuk… between 6N and 9N from 148E to 158E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:47AM	6:09PM
Monday	6:47AM	6:09PM
Tuesday	6:47AM	6:10PM
Wednesday	6:47AM	6:10PM
Thursday	6:47AM	6:11PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:42PM	5:21AM*
Monday	4:48PM	6:19PM*
Tuesday	5:52PM	7:10AM*
Wednesday	6:53PM	7:56AM*
Thursday	7:49PM	8:36AM*

*Following Day

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PICTURES

- ISLAND SNAPSHOTS
  Birthdays, baptisms, christenings, family gatherings, reunions, club activities, and other community-related events.
- BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
  A way for families and friends to greet their loved ones, accompanied by a picture of the person celebrating his/her birthday.
- BUSINESS
  Corporate donations, volunteer work, promotions, granting of awards, team-building exercises, meetings and other activities by members of the business community.
- SAMU'T SARI
  Pictures from the islands' Filipino community, primarily focusing on Filipino activities, gatherings, get-togethers, volunteer work, etc.
- TRAVELOGUE
  Pictures of off-island travels. Contributors may submit up to 10 pictures for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COMMUNITY BRIEFS
  Announcements of upcoming activities of organizations, community clubs, government agencies, and private companies.
- CAMPUS BULLETIN
  Announcements of upcoming activities in public and private schools, as well as calendar of activities. May include PTSA meetings, enrollment procedures.

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- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 12, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	5:00am	5:50am	1,2,4,5,6,7
CO9597	8:30am	9:20am	1,2,5,6
CO9313	8:30am	10:00am	3,4,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	2,3,4,5,6,7

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:40am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	4:00am	7:35am	1,4,5,7

Guam-Manila

CO 891	6:00am	10:30am	3 via Yap and Koror
CO 893	6:30am	8:05am	6
CO 893	8:25am	10:00am	2
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	5 via Koror
CO 933	8:00pm	9:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

Saipan-Manila

CO 895	4:45pm	6:35pm	6
CO 895	6:45pm	8:35pm	3

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:30am	11:10am	Daily

Guam-Nagoya

CO 971	7:45am	10:30am	1,2,4,5,6,7
NW 023	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily
CO 904	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 078	8:30am	1:30pm	Daily via Nagoya
NW 075	4:55pm	7:30pm	Daily

Guam-Narita

JO 982	4:15am	7:00am	Daily
CO 961	7:20am	9:55am	Daily
CO 006	1:00pm	3:45pm	Daily
JO 942	3:30pm	6:15pm	Daily
NW 081	3:55pm	6:50pm	Daily
NW 073	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily
CO 963	4:50pm	7:30pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Shanghai

MU 590	4:20am	7:00am	2,6

Guam-Hongkong

CO 910	7:45pm	10:40pm	1,5

Saipan-Guanzhou

CZ 3008	5:00am	8:00am	2,6

Saipan-Rota

CO 9313	8:30am	9:05am	3,4,7

Rota-Guam

CO 9313	9:30am	10:00am	3,4,7

ARRIVALS

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	1,4,5,6,7
CO 9316	3:30am	4:20am	2
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9598	10:15am	11:45am	1,2,6 via Rota
CO9600	10:45am	11:35am	3,4,5,7
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	2,3,4,5,6,7

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:30pm	2,4,6,7
OZ 603	7:40pm	10:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6
OZ 607	6:50pm	2:50am+1	3,7 via Busan
OZ 607	7:30pm	2:50am+1	4 via Busan

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	3,4,6,7

Manila-Guam

CO 894	11:20am	4:55pm	2
CO 894	7:45pm	1:20am+1	6
CO 892	9:45pm	5:25am+1	3 via Koror
CO 892	9:45pm	6:30am+1	3 via Koror and Yap
CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	5 via Koror
CO 934	11:10pm	4:40am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:15pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

Manila-Saipan

CO 890	9:15am	2:55pm	6
CO 890	11:45am	5:35pm	3

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	8:45pm	1:10am+1	Daily

Nagoya-Guam

NW 024	10:00am	2:40pm	Daily
CO 970	11:30am	4:00pm	Daily
CO 905	8:25pm	12:50am+1	1,3,4,5,6,7

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:35am	3:05pm	Daily
NW 077	6:15pm	1:10am+1	Daily via Nagoya

Narita-Guam

JO 941	9:30am	2:05pm	Daily
NW 074	9:45am	2:25pm	Daily
CO 962	11:05am	3:35pm	Daily
CO 007	5:15pm	9:50pm	Daily
NW 082	8:30pm	1:15am+1	Daily
CO 964	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
JO 981	9:30pm	2:05am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:40am	3:10pm	Daily

Shanghai-Saipan

MU 589	8:05am	3:00am+1	1,5

Hongkong-Guam

CO 910	11:40pm	6:20am+1	1,5

Guanzhou-Saipan

CZ 3007	8:00pm	4:00am+1	1,5

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	11:10am	11:45am	1,2,6

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	10:15am	10:45am	1,2,6

(Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; PR: Philippine Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CA: Air China; NW: Northwest; JO: Japan Airlines; OZ: Asiana. ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Schedule of Religious Services

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am, 9am, 11am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am
Monday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday: 6am and 6pm

Nuestra Senora De Soledad Parish
Wednesday Mass: 6pm
First Friday Healing Mass: 6pm
Saturday Mass: 6pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am & 9am

Saint Jude Parish
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Wednesday and Thursday: 6pm

San Antonio Parish
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Tuesday and Friday: 6pm

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am and 8am
Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6pm

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am and 10am
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm
Thursday-Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Sunday: 6am and 7:30am
Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday: 6pm

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 9am
Wednesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10:30am

San Vicente Parish
Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm
Monday-Saturday: 6pm

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10am-Baptism

Santa Soledad
Sunday: 7:30am

PROTESTANT

Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm
Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Worship/Study Opportunities
Adult Sunday School: 9am
Youth Sunday School: 9am
English Worship Service Sunday: 10am
Sunday Service: 5:30pm
Worship/Fellowship Sunday: 9:30pm
Evangelism/Follow-up: Sunday/Monday: 1:30/7:30pm
Worship Team: Monday/Saturday-9pm;
Cell Groups Tuesday: 7:30pm
Mid-week Service: 7:30pm
Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:30pm
Leader's Bible Study Friday: 7:30 pm
Cornerstone School of Ministry Saturday: 7:30pm

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau,
Call 235-0545 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Worship Service: 9am
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm
Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Thursday: 5:30am (Tagalog); 7:45 pm (English)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church Koblerville
Sunday Services
8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM Family Worship
3:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays at Parsonage
7:00 PM Prayer, Share and Care

Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
English Service: 9-11am, Sunday
Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 8:20am
Sunday Adult: 10am
Sunday Adult: 11:30am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided)
Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

Saipan Bible Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30-10am
Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 6pm
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church (Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)
Afetna St., San Antonio
Sunday
9am Sunday school
10am Regular worship
6pm worship
Wednesday
7pm worship
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. For further information, please call Pastor David M. Mclure at 234-1939/235-7779.

Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon
English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
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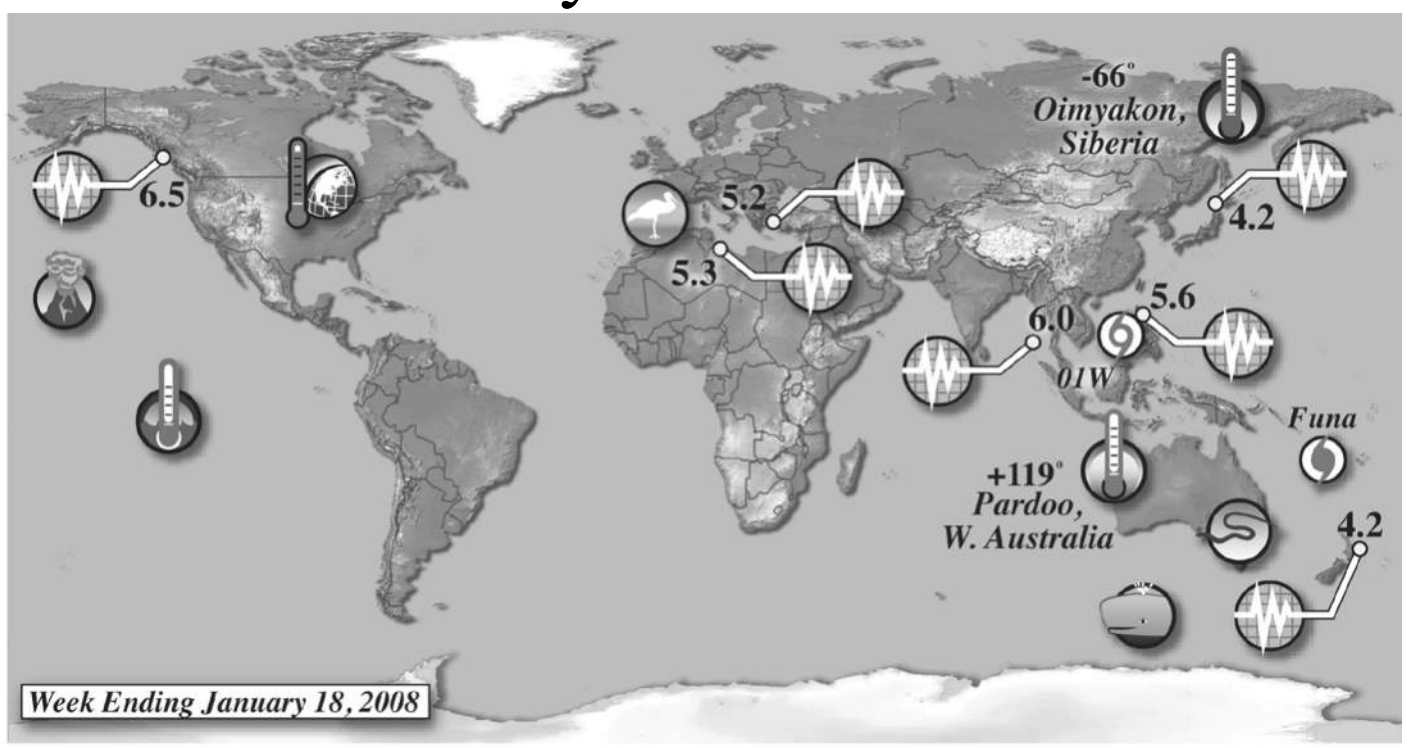
Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By STEVE NEWMAN



Whaling Confrontation

The Australian Federal Court ruled that a Japanese whaling company is in breach of federal laws when it kills whales in the Australian Whale Sanctuary, ordering the firm to immediately stop hunting the marine mammals. The case was filed in Canberra by the Humane Society International against Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha, which has a permit from the Japanese government to kill up to 935 minke whales and 50 fin whales in Antarctic waters this southern summer. The ruling came on the same day that Australian and British activists say they boarded the Japanese harpoon vessel Yushin Maru No. 2 on the high seas to deliver a written declaration that the ship was in violation of Australian and international laws. The Sea Shepherd group said the two men were then being held hostage until the group agreed to halt its interference with the whaling fleet. Japan claims the men were not being held hostage and considers their boarding of the whaling ship an act of piracy.

Hawaiian Lava Threat

A slow flow of lava from Hawaii's Kilauea volcano threatened the few remaining residents of the Royal Gardens subdivision before coming to a halt a half-mile away. Since 1983, lava has overrun the Big Island subdivision, destroying more than 60 homes.

Tropical Cyclones

Cyclone Funa brought heavy rain and storm-force winds to northern portions of the Vanuatu island nation in the South Pacific.

■ An area of disturbed weather between the Philippines and Vietnam formed into Tropical Storm 01W.

Snake Invasion

A harsh drought and recent midsummer heat across southeastern Australia has driven venomous snakes into urban areas in search of moisture. The influx of snakes has resulted in a rash of snakebites for the human and pet residents of Victoria and New South Wales states. "Keep your grass well cut, wear adequate clothing and stout shoes in snake country," advised acting Victoria state Premier Rob Hulls.

La Niña Peak

The La Niña ocean cooling in the tropical Pacific appears to be reaching its typical January peak, causing classic weather disruptions around the world. Such weather abnormalities include drought in much of the southern United States, cool and wet conditions in the northeast and bitter cold in the Midwest. David Adamec, of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, says that if this La Niña behaves as usual, it should begin to weaken by February. But the periodic ocean cooling has been known to occasionally last for more than one year, extending its influence on the world's weather.

Earthquakes

Late reports from Algeria said that a woman was killed on Wednesday, Jan. 9, when a 5.3 magnitude earthquake damaged buildings in Boufatiss, a city in the northwestern province Oran.

■ Power was knocked out briefly in the Philippines when a 5.6 magnitude quake rocked Luzon Island.

■ Earth movements were also felt in islands of the Aegean Sea, India's Andaman Islands, northern New Zealand, Japan's Hokkaido Island and coastal British Columbia.

On Thinning Ice

Researchers from the University of Wisconsin have documented a dramatic reduction in winter ice-and-snow coverage over the northern United States during the past 156 years. In a study funded by the National Science Foundation, the team used newspaper archives, transportation ledgers and religious observances from 1846 to 2002 to determine that the period of ice coverage decreased 5.3 days per decade. Over the same time period, average temperatures from fall through spring increased by 1.25 degrees Fahrenheit. The average number of days with snow decreased by 5.0 days per decade, and the average snow depth on those days decreased by nearly 0.7 inches per decade. By the end of the period, from 1998 through 2002, several lakes no longer froze over.

Early Migration

A stork has begun its earliest northward spring migration since it was fitted with a satellite tracking device in 1999. The Swiss Natural History Museum of Fribourg said "Max" spent only 100 days in an area of southern Spain before deciding to start aiming back toward her summer nesting grounds in southern Germany. It also said this was the first year that the bird did not fly south of the Strait of Gibraltar to winter in Morocco. Biologist Adrian Aebischer, who monitors Max's seasonal sojourns, attributed the stork's unusual behavior to abnormally mild weather across Europe this winter. Max was last located near Alcazar de San Juan, Spain, apparently taking its time en route to Germany.

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OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Underwear-clad man chases off burglar

SILT, Colo. (AP)—A man wearing only his underwear and brandishing an ax handle chased a burglar out of his home and down his driveway before thinking better of it. "I can't be chasing this guy clear into Silt in my underwear," Jose Sedillo told himself, and went back inside to call 911. Sedillo, 46, who lives roughly four miles outside this western Colorado town, said he was dozing in his shorts, a T-shirt and socks Monday afternoon when he heard noises and an intruder opened his bedroom door. "I jumped up. He looked me right in the eye. I reached for my bat, and off to the races we went," Sedillo said. He said his "bat" is actually the hickory handle of a pick ax. After Sedillo called 911, Garfield County deputies arrested two suspects. Sedillo identified one as the man who barged into his bedroom. Sedillo said about $250 in cash is missing from his house, but after dashing outside in his underwear, he's glad about one thing. "It's a good thing they weren't thongs, eh?" he said.

Yep. 76 tickets will land you in jail

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP)—Tickets for expired car registration usually don't result in jail time. Unless, of course, that ticket is a driver's 76th. Valerie Ortiz Sanchez, 31, was arrested Monday during a routine traffic stop when officers discovered she had 76 outstanding traffic warrants and nearly $19,000 in unpaid fines and court fees dating back nine years. Sanchez was arrested on charges of having an expired car registration, no insurance and driving with an expired license, according to an arrest report. She remained in the Harlingen jail Wednesday, and it was unclear whether she had a lawyer. Municipal Court Judge Valerie Garcia on Tuesday set bond at $1,000 for driving without a valid license and $1,500 as a minimum payment on the warrants, Harlingen police Sgt. John Parrish said. Garcia dismissed some of the warrants because they were outdated, reducing Sanchez's total to $15,696 in fines and fees. Sanchez's license was suspended Dec. 16 after she was charged with driving while intoxicated, police said.

Good Housekeeping

Sophisticated enough for grown-ups, sturdy enough for kids

By TERRI SAPIENZA

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When Sandra Meyer redecorated her family's Bethesda, Md., living room four years ago, she reupholstered the sofa in a creamy celadon-and-white silk blend. The fabric was expensive and delicate, but she loved it enough to take her chances.

The delivery crew was barely out the door when her 4 year old swiped a red marker across the seat.

That scenario is a nightmare shared by many parents who crave sophistication and style but believe their vision is incompatible with children and pets. They may idealize a home dressed in Farrow & Ball rather than Dora and Diego, but they don't want to invest in furniture and fabrics when spilled juice and muddy paws are just a mishap away.

For a fortunate few, there is little need to compromise. Consider, for example, Gwyneth Paltrow. Last year, House & Garden magazine featured the actress and her family's pristine and "sneaker-friendly" summer home in the Hamptons, which included a designer chandelier, custom-made chairs and white carpet in her daughter's bedroom. (Besides fleeting glimpses of Paltrow herself, there was not a sign of life in the whole place.)

In the real world, things are never that flawless.

Some parents invest in design help and good-quality furnishings, then declare certain rooms off-limits to kids and pets. Some stick strictly with less-pricey pieces from big-box stores such as Ikea or Target. Others bide their time with parental hand-me-downs and college leftovers, deferring design until after the children have grown and gone.

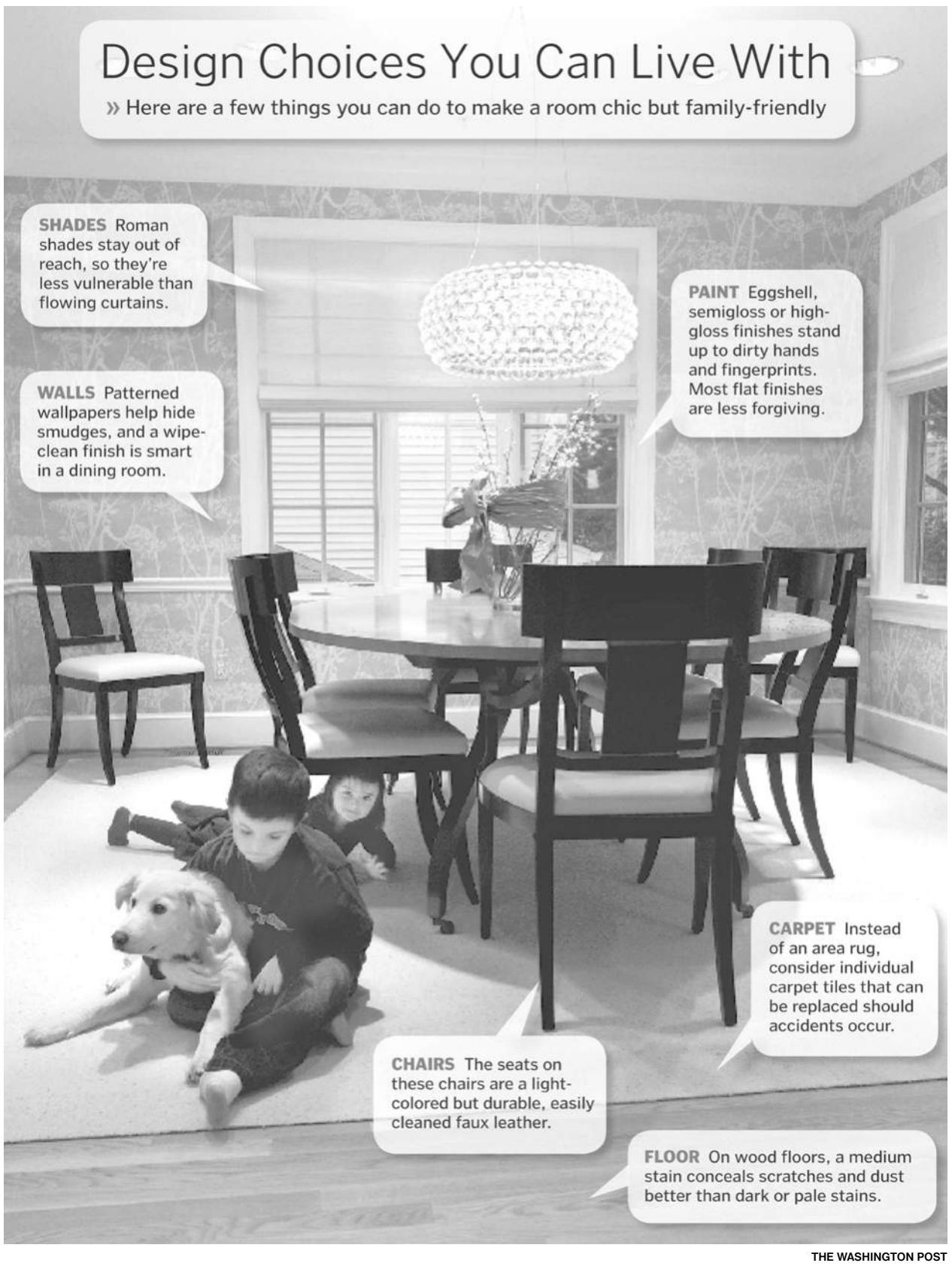
That last choice is particularly incomprehensible to Sara Costello, creative director for Domino magazine and mother of two. "It's like the inmates have taken over the prison and you're a prisoner among them," she says.

There is a middle ground, design professionals insist. Stacey White and husband Paul de la Croix-Vaubois of Bethesda, Md., are a good example.

The couple have three young children, ages 8, 6 and 3, and an "almost house-trained" 5-month-old puppy. But after years of moving around and living abroad while working for the United Nations, they wanted a grown-up home.

"We love our children to death," White says, "but we wanted to buy what we liked and have an adult house. I didn't want things I really didn't like because, at the end of the day, the cost is the cost, and you want to really love what you have."

They asked Meyer, co-owner of the Bethesda home furnishings store Ella Scott Design, for help. With her encouragement they chose pale fabrics and carpeting for the living room, but with patterns to hide stains and grime. In the dining room they used faux leather and replaceable FLOR carpet tiles. For the family room, the couple opted for commercial-grade upholstery and stain-resistant carpeting and decided to do without a coffee table to leave room for the kids to play. They splurged on designer fabric for two living room armchairs, but only on the front of the chairs; a less-expensive and sturdier material covers the chair backs, so if there's a spill, only the front will need recovering. A pricey silk was used for dining room window treatments, but in tailored Roman shades that stay out of reach of little hands.


Design Choices You Can Live With
» Here are a few things you can do to make a room chic but family-friendly
SHADES Roman shades stay out of reach, so they're less vulnerable than flowing curtains.
WALLS Patterned wallpapers help hide smudges, and a wipe-clean finish is smart in a dining room.
PAINT Eggshell, semigloss or high-gloss finishes stand up to dirty hands and fingerprints. Most flat finishes are less forgiving.
CARPET Instead of an area rug, consider individual carpet tiles that can be replaced should accidents occur.
CHAIRS The seats on these chairs are a light-colored but durable, easily cleaned faux leather.
FLOOR On wood floors, a medium stain conceals scratches and dust better than dark or pale stains.

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Durable interiors can be sophisticated enough for grown-ups, sturdy enough for kids. Pierre and Emmanuelle de la Croix-Vaubois, 6 and 3, play with dog Diego in the family's Bethesda, Md., dining room, decorated with them in mind.

Having adult yet child-friendly spaces is also important to Catrin Morris-Miller, mother of two daughters, ages 2 and 5 months. She and her husband furnished their D.C. home with a mix of comfy, stain-resistant pieces and upholstered antiques, including a vintage sofa, a pair of bergere armchairs and a Swedish chair with a white linen seat. No room is off-limits, but food and drink (except water) are restricted to just a few areas.

"My life is full of Play-Doh and paint and applesauce," Morris-Miller says. "I wanted to have a retreat from the pink, the bright colors and the functional. Everything with kids is so functional ... and there's a tendency to let that completely engulf your style. We wanted a retreat from that: grown-up colors, furniture and style."

Megan Samuels, a designer and blogger in Manhattan Beach, Calif., opted for a more casual, yet no less elegant, feel for her family's beach bungalow. She said slipcovers are her key to maintaining a stylish interior with two children and three dogs. (Not the loose-fitting, shabby-chic styles of the early 1990s, she points out, but the more modern, fitted versions with straight, tight pleats—and, please, no ruffles.) To keep the white covers fresh between washings, she has a bleach pen on hand for treating spills and stains.

Samuels fills her small house with light colors, simple window treatments, durable sisal carpets and a mix of nice pieces and inexpensive finds from eBay.

Designers agree that good-quality furnishings from secondhand resources that can be refinished and recovered over time are a better investment than flimsy new pieces.

Buying disposable furniture doesn't make sense financially and is bad for the environment, says Springfield, Va., designer Shanon Munn. "You'll probably want to freshen things up when the kids leave anyway, so buy quality, timeless pieces and refresh them" when the nest is empty.

Munn uses an antique pine kitchen island as a changing table in her daughter's room. "I can always put it into an office if my daughter doesn't like it later," she says.

Another key to living successfully with kids, pets and fine design is to set ground rules. All the refinishing, recovering, fabric treating and patterned rugs won't help a home stand up to routine abuse. Design pros and child-development experts say that establishing basic guidelines—such as no eating in the living room, no jumping on the couch—is good for the furniture and for the children.

A child-centered environment, says William Gormley, co-director of Georgetown University's Center for Research on Children in the United States, "sends the message that children matter and acknowledges that children will be children. It has advantages, but it also has the disadvantage of not beginning to teach children the importance of boundaries. There are other ways to ensure a child-friendly and child-focused environment than to give them free rein in every room of the house."

Another important thing parents and pet owners can do: relax. Accidents will happen when children and animals are involved, no matter how prepared you are, so it's best to accept that reality and move on. (And, Meyer points out, more often than not adults—not children—are to blame for the blunders: "Your friend is just as likely to spill a glass of wine on (the furniture) as your kid is to draw on it.")

That easygoing attitude helps Meyer with her own challenges of living stylishly with children, including the sofa-as-art episode.

"Did I cry? Yeah, but now I don't even see it anymore," she says. She simply flipped the sofa cushion over to hide the red mark. And a year later, when another stain appeared, she hid that one under a throw. "I use what I love, regardless. Nothing stays perfect."

Costello takes a similar philosophical approach. "Truly, the places that are the most comfortable are a little messy, everything isn't perfect and there are signs of real life," she says. "What's more stylish than that?"

Answers to home questions

By GARY DYMSKI
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Question: I'm having a problem with my roof. The area beneath the downspout is dark green with a mossy substance. Is this mold? Why is this happening? What can I do to take care of it? If I don't do anything, will it harm the roof in any way?

Answer: The installation of the gutter and downspout seem to be OK, but I'd probably have asked the contractor to extend the downspout a few more feet. That way, less water would be running over the shingles. The problem likely is that the green, mossy shingles below the downspout are on a shady portion of the roof, which means they are not drying properly. If you can, trim away any overgrown tree branches, so a little more sunlight reaches the shingles. This will help them dry naturally.

Secondly, consider using zinc or copper strips that clip under the shingles and act as a natural algicide. When water washes over the strips, it picks up tiny metallic particles. Since zinc and copper are natural algicides, they prevent the growth of roof algae, fungus, mold and moss. In regions where the weather features frequent rain and high humidity, it's common to see roofs stained with black or green mold. If left unattended, the mold growth will shorten the life of the shingles.

You also can use any of several commercial roof cleaners, which, like the metal strips, are available at home centers and roofing supply stores. Whether using the strips or a cleaner, you or someone else will have to climb the roof to do the work. You might find a small roofing company to perform such a service, and I'd inquire at a roofing supply store about a list of contractors.

Zinc or copper strips should last several years. If you choose to just use a cleaner, remember you'll have to repeat the process every year or so. Chances are, if there is a buildup of algae, you'd be wise to first treat the shingles with a cleaner and then install the metal strips as a preventive measure. If you have a hard time finding either the strips or a cleaner, visit www.ZincShield.com (800-440-3010), a South Carolina company that sells several roof maintenance products.

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Q.: I was wondering about de-icing salts designed for driveways and walkways. Do they harm plants? Is there something I can use that is easier on lawns and planting beds? And what about the environment? Is one type of de-icing salt better than another?

A.: Most road salts are made from sodium chloride, calcium chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride and ferrocyanide. A five-year study by Environment Canada, completed in 2000, concluded that these salts were toxic to the environment. In large applications—more than 5 million tons are used each winter across Canada—heavy use of road salt can damage vegetation, organisms in soil, birds and other wildlife.

To reduce salt use around the exterior of your home, try mixing equal parts of a common de-icer and sand, and applying it with a hand-held broadcast fertilizer spreader.

The issue, of course, is that sand is then tracked into your house. If you have wood floors and carpeting, well, the sand can be a nightmare. Plus, sand can change the composition of soils, making it more difficult to grow plants.

One suggestion is to use small amounts of de-icing salts before large amounts of snow and ice accumulate. Less material is required to prevent icing. If you wait, you'll use more de-icing material to melt packed snow and ice. Calcium chloride is perhaps the most common of de-icers, and it is effective up to temperatures of 25 below zero. It also is one of the least-expensive materials to use. Less-corrosive liquid de-icers using calcium magnesium acetate also are expensive, costing up to 20 times more than salts.

My advice is to use these materials sparingly. One tip around plant beds is to use a high-nitrogen fertilizer called urea, a protein metabolism that occurs in urine and is an important plant fertilizer. Using small amounts of urea around plant beds and walkways will melt ice and won't harm plants and lawns. But use it sparingly; it's expensive—about $40 for a 50-pound bag.

Another option is Magic Salt, a calcium-chloride product that has been treated with a syrup that is a byproduct of vodka distilling. It's supposed to be less corrosive because of the syrup.

You can buy Magic Salt online (25-pound bags are about $20; 50-pound bags are about $26) at www.magicsalt-sales.com or by calling 631-698-4657.

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Lubricant for garage doors

WD-40 has a new lubricant made especially for garage doors. The new 3-in-One Professional Garage Door Lube protects hinges, door tracks, chains, pulleys and latches in commercial and residential garage door systems. Like the traditional WD-40 lubricant, the 3-in-One specialty lube prevents rust, corrosion, sticking and squeaking. The new garage door lubricant is part of WD-40's professional line, which includes nine specific products for trade professionals and other industries. An 11-ounce spray can is $5.99 at home centers and hardware stores.

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Gorilla Glue resists bumps

With tiny rubber particles, Gorilla Super Glue's Impact-Tough Formula helps projects resist bumps, bangs and drops. The rubber particles make for a less-brittle bond, so repairs to glass, wood, metal, ceramics and most plastics have slightly more flexibility than traditional super glues. Gorilla's Impact-Tough Formula dries in 15 to 30 seconds. Most repairs require a small amount of glue—one drop per square inch—and no clamping. Items can be handled five minutes after the glue has been applied; 24 hours is required for complete curing. A two-pack of 3-gram tubes is less than $4 at department stores, hardware stores and home centers.

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KITCHEN MAGIC

Italian Pasta Pie

8 ounces rotelle or elbow macaroni
Salt
1 cup bottled marinara or spaghetti sauce
1 package (8-ounce, 2 cups) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup shortening or butter-flavor shortening
1 large egg
1 container (15-ounce) part-skim ricotta cheese
1 container (7-ounce) refrigerated pesto sauce
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese, (optional)

1. In saucepot, prepare macaroni as label directs, using 2 teaspoons salt in water. Drain macaroni; return to saucepot. Stir in marinara sauce and 1 cup shredded mozzarella; set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt. With pastry blender or two knives used scissor-fashion, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. With fork, stir in 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water just until mixture holds together. Shape dough into a ball; set aside.

3. In cup, lightly beat egg; reserve 1 tablespoon beaten egg for brushing on crust later. Place remaining egg in medium bowl; stir in ricotta cheese, pesto sauce and pepper.

4. On lightly floured surface, with floured rolling pin, roll two-thirds of dough into rectangle 2 inches larger all around than inverted 11-by-7-inch glass baking dish. Gently ease dough into baking dish, allowing dough to hang over edge.

5. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup mozzarella cheese over bottom of dough in baking dish. Top with half of pesto mixture, all of macaroni mixture, then remaining pesto mixture.

6. Preheat oven to 400 F. Roll remaining dough into 12-by-8-inch rectangle; lift onto top of pie. Fold overhang under and pinch to form stand-up edge; flute. Cut slits in top of crust to allow steam to escape during baking. Brush top of pie with reserved egg; sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.

7. Bake pie 40 to 45 minutes until crust is golden brown and filling is hot. Serves 8.

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THIS IS A HAMMER

Take an inventory of everything in the shop, from the largest power tool to the smallest nail. Then, make a list of steps needed to clean and organize the area.

Workshop revival

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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Winter has settled in across the country, bringing do-it-yourselfers inside to handle smaller tasks or just leave all the projects alone until spring. So, what to do during this long, quiet lull between battening down the hatches and opening them up again? Prepare for the next home-improvement season, of course.

This is a great time to head to the garage, basement or attic and look over your workshop area. What needs to be cleaned up? What tools need to be out and ready for the spring thaw? What can you do to get one step closer to your dream workshop? Take out a notepad and pencil, and start writing down ideas.

Take an inventory of everything in the shop, from the largest power tool to the smallest nail. Then, make a list of steps needed to clean and organize the area. Here's how I get my workshop in shape for the new year.

The first step should be a sort-and-toss session. Gather everything and sort it by general types: fasteners, like nuts and bolts and nails, go in one pile; hand tools are stacked in another; power tools are gathered at one corner of the room; and so on. Once the items are classified, go through each pile and discard old, unused or broken items. If your larger tools are unused but still work—or can be repaired—donate them to a charity that accepts these items.

Now, take a look at your worktable and shop area. Does the current configuration work for you? Is there enough storage for all the items in your inventory? What would you most like to change about it? Shift things around and add storage boxes, shelves or drawers as needed. If you don't have a good-sized sheet of pegboard above or near your worktable, purchase one—it's a great storage area for hand tools and small boxes.

As you place each tool in its storage space, clean it thoroughly to remove rust and debris. Coat the metal parts with an all-purpose oil, and rub a small amount of linseed oil onto wooden handles to protect them from damp, cold air and fluctuations in temperature.

Finally, decide what your first project will be this year—whether it's yard work, outside repairs or new shelves—and prepare the worktable and the necessary tools for it. When the weather finally warms up and the home-improvement bug hits you, you'll be ready to start hammering away as soon as possible.

HOME TIP

Now is the best time of the year to cut firewood. It's easier to cut in the cold weather, and by next fall the wood will be seasoned and ready for the fireplace.

Send questions or home-repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

The Good Life

Amputee chases shot at Olympics

By JOHN HANC
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HICKSVILLE, N.Y.—Runner's World magazine declared her one of the "heroes" of running and honored her at a dinner in Manhattan the night before the New York City Marathon in November.

She was nominated for a 2007 ESPY award—given to outstanding athletes in various sports by the cable network ESPN—and attracted a national sponsor, PowerBar.

Now, she's trying to do something no other runner like her has ever done—qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials marathon.

Amy Palmiero-Winters is garnering such attention, in part, because what separates the 35-year-old Hicksville resident from the rest of the pack is that she is an amputee: a mother of two with a prosthesis below her left knee and an extraordinary amount of strength, toughness and determination above it.

That strength has taken her a long way—although, in her mind, there are still many miles to go. To reach the women's marathon trials, which will be held April 20 in Boston, Palmiero-Winters has to run a qualifying time of 2 hours, 47 minutes. There, she would compete against the top women distance runners in America; the top three will go to Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

That's not a realistic goal for Palmiero-Winters; simply getting to the trials would be a historic achievement for any amputee, because disabled athletes have their own quadrennial international competition, the Paralympics. But if she can somehow run fast enough, USA Track and Field, the governing body of the sport, says it would be willing to accept her.

"If she achieves the Olympic trials qualifying standard, I am not aware of anything that would prevent her from competing in the Olympic trials," USATF spokeswoman Jill Geer says, adding that she personally found Palmiero-Winters' achievements "inspiring."

She'll attempt to make the qualifying time on March 2 at the Sarasota Marathon in Florida. Knocking 17 minutes off her personal best time in the marathon to meet the Olympic trials qualifying standard is a tall order for any runner, especially one whose leg contains more carbon fiber than calcium. But then again, even though it's a long shot, she's the first amputee distance runner fast enough to even seriously consider it. Let's not set limits, here, however. "Who's really to say what you can and cannot do?" Palmiero-Winters says.

Amy Palmiero-Winters runs with a prosthetic leg made for this activity. NEWSDAY

What she has done since becoming an amputee has been little short of extraordinary. Although amputee records are spotty and not officially sanctioned, it's believed that she has already twice broken the world record. As for how she came to be running on a prosthesis, she'll tell you the gory details without a trace of bitterness or self-pity.

"All my life (my family) raced motorcycles, dirt bikes," she says with a shrug, as if suggesting that what happened next was, if not inevitable, certainly predictable. "I was riding my motorcycle, a woman pulled out in front of me, I crushed my left foot between the car and the bike."

That was in April 1994 in her hometown of Meadville, Pa. Over the next three years, Palmiero-Winters underwent 27 surgeries to repair her foot. Finally, she says, with an equally disarming frankness, "I told them to take it off." They did, but when an infection caused by a poorly fitting prosthesis spread into her bone, surgeons had to cut "a few" more inches off.

Besides bike riding, Palmiero-Winters' passion had always been running. She was a track star in high school and before the accident had clocked a respectable 3:16 time in the Boston Marathon. That part of her life, she was told after the accident, was over.

"All kinds of things spark your fire," she says. "Them telling me I'd never run again did it for me."

She first tried by using a generic walking prosthesis a few months after surgery. "It was like running on a stick," she says. "By the time I was done, my limb would be bloody and blistered."

Palmiero-Winters went searching for prosthetic companies that had experience working with athletes. She eventually found one—called A Step Ahead—in a place she had never heard of: Hicksville.

The company's 14,000-square-foot facility is unusual—a sort of combination fitness center, machine shop and Hollywood special-effects lab. A treadmill in one room adjoins a workshop filled with tables of artificial limbs and facial prostheses. What Palmiero- Winters needed was a high-performance limb, one that required a delicate balance to compensate for the impact forces of her fast running.

"It had to be perfect," says prosthetist Erik Schaffer, president of A Step Ahead. "If the prosthesis is too soft, there won't be enough of a give back ... a spring back ... and she'd feel as if she'd be running in the mud. If it's too stiff and hard, she won't be able to maintain speed."

Schaffer, who's been a prosthetist for 21 years, went into the lab and designed the ideal running leg for the lean, 5-foot-6 Palmiero-Winters, consisting of a strong, carbon fiber socket and a foot shaped like a backward C. The "foot" is composed of 600 microscopic layers of carbon graphite weave that Schaffer purchased from a manufacturer that supplies similar material to NASA for use on the Space Shuttle. In an inspired, low-tech touch, he then placed at the bottom of this robotic-looking limb a 5-inch-wide piece of a Goodyear tire. Attached with a specially formulated adhesive, this was her "shoe," replacing the sole of a traditional running shoe that most amputee runners used.

"The tire lasts longer," Schaffer explains.

Palmiero-Winters' rubber was ready to meet the road.

As Schaffer continued to tinker with various iterations of her leg, Palmiero-Winters began working with coach David Balsley, a physical therapist who used to practice on Long Island but now works in Manhattan, specializing in amputee runners.

"They (A Step Ahead) called me and said, We've got this girl from Pennsylvania who's really talented and really wants to run,'" Balsley recalls. After talking to her, he said he realized "this is somebody special."

Special enough that, between Balsley's tutelage and Schaffer's state-of-the-art prosthesis, Palmiero-Winters was soon running faster on one leg than she had on two.

"We had her doing 60 to 70 miles a week, which was unheard of for amputees," Balsley says. During her speed sessions, done on a treadmill, she is regularly clocked at a heart-pounding 12 mph (a brisk walk on the treadmill at the gym for a fit adult is about 4 mph).

The training paid off over the past year and a half, as Palmiero-Winters knocked her marathon times down a whopping 20 minutes, from 3:24 in Cleveland in May 2006 to 3:04 in Chicago five months later.

The first part of 2007 was not as successful. Four miles into the Boston Marathon in April, her C-foot slipped on a plastic cup left on the road. Her residual limb and prosthetic buckled, smashing what was left of her tibia bone into the socket, with pain that one can only imagine. "It's not easy running on this," she says.

She came back, however, running a fine 1:25 in a half marathon in Philadelphia in September. By then, she had moved to Hicksville to be closer to the support team that takes care of her various legs—including one "formal leg" that she jokes is for "hot dates," and which cost $25,000 to $30,000. (She is separated from her husband of four years, Jon Winters.) She's also working part time at A Step Ahead while taking care of her children, son Carson, 4, and daughter Madilynn, 2.

It's tough, but ... well, so is Amy Palmiero-Winters. Whether she's tough and talented enough to compete with the fastest able-bodied women in America remains to be seen, but one thing's for certain: Among the so-called physically challenged, there's no one who can challenge her. "Nobody's going to come close for a long time," Balsley says.

Bob Weber Jr.'s Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids

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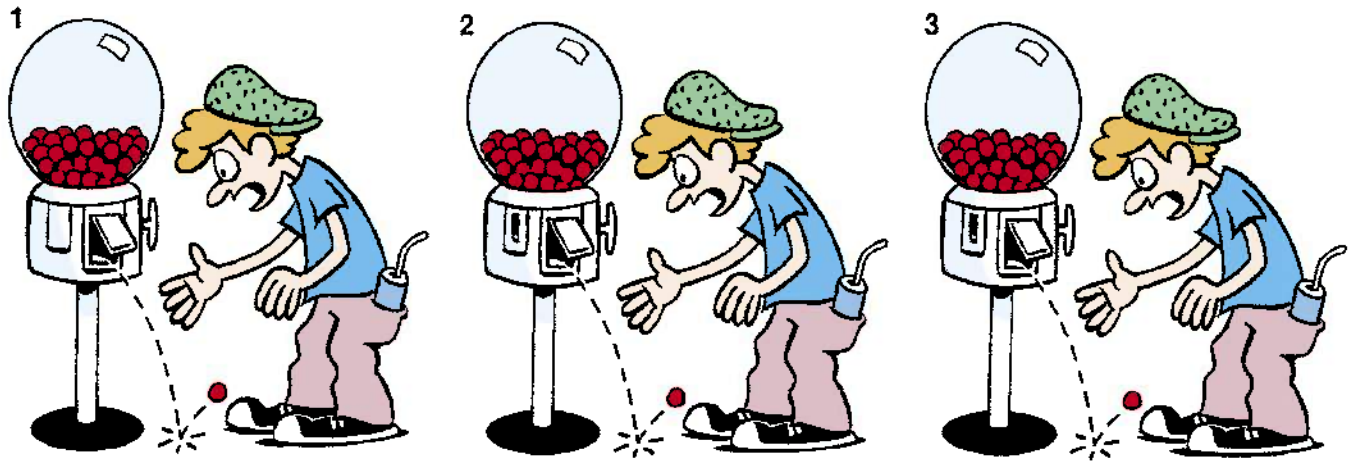

Answer -- Number one.

Someone called Slylock Fox to tell him a stolen car is parked in this lot. Unfortunately, the phone's signal was lost before the caller could describe the car. Slylock has narrowed down the possibilities to two cars. Which two cars?

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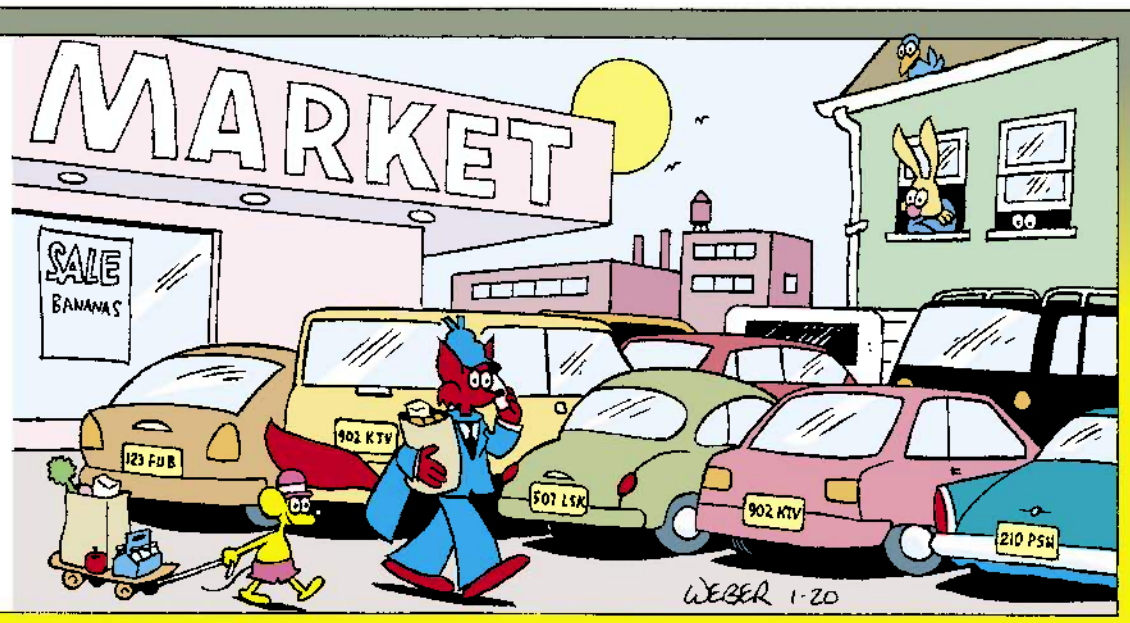

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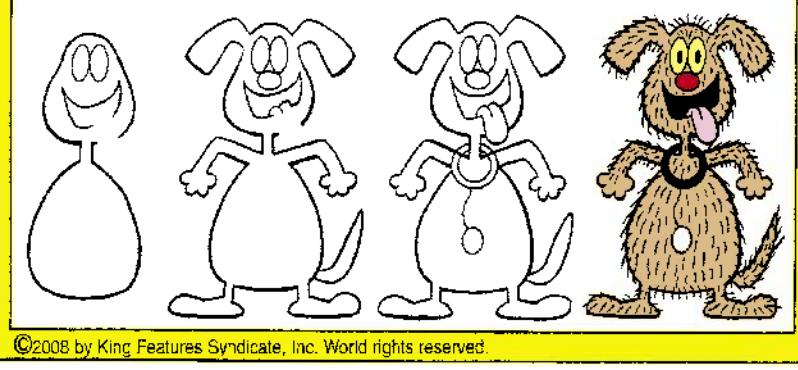

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1) OEPDOL
2) GELABE
3) LICELO
4) TAAMALDNI

Answer -- 1) Poodle 2) Beagle 3) Collie 4) Dalmatian

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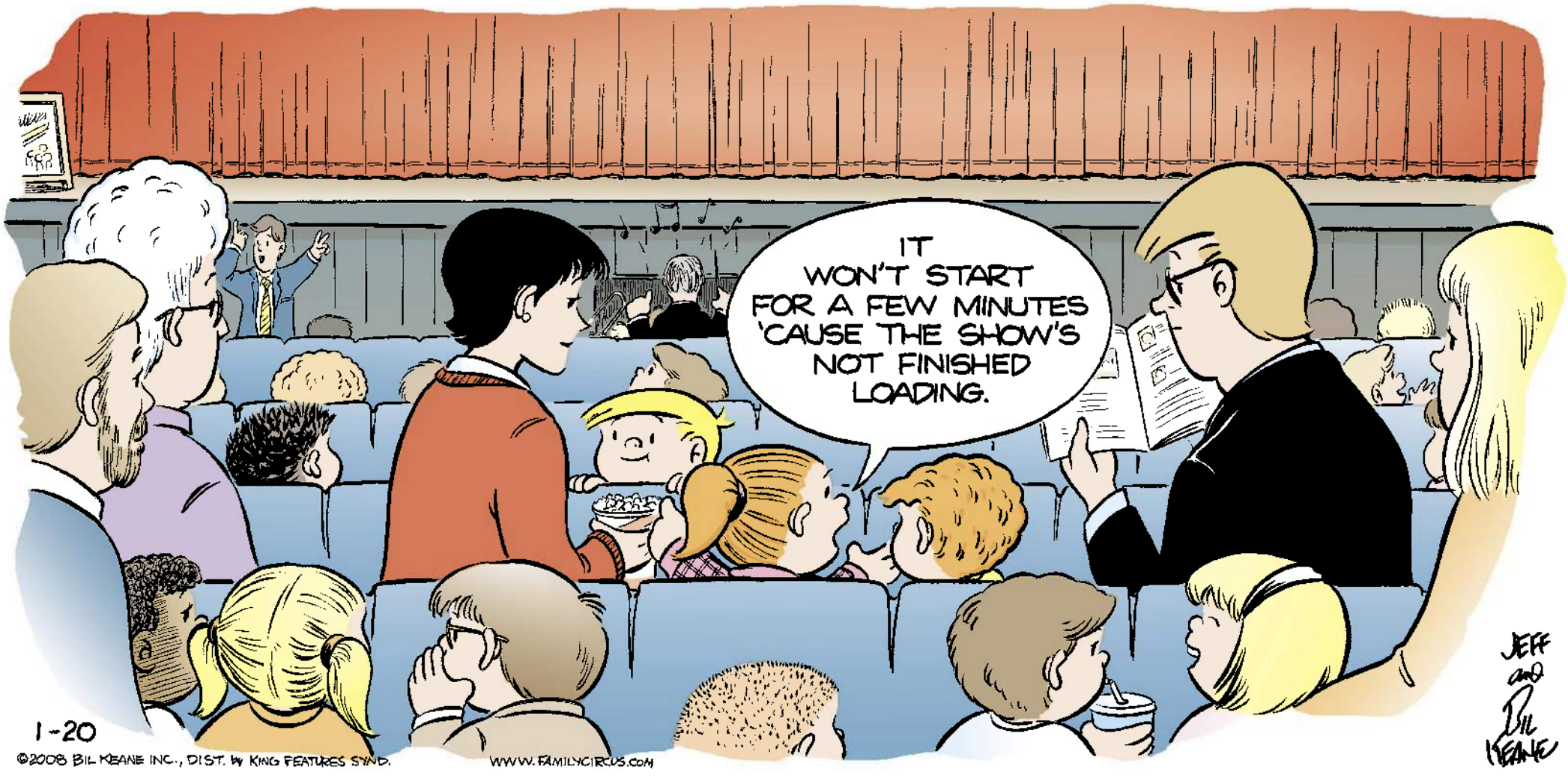
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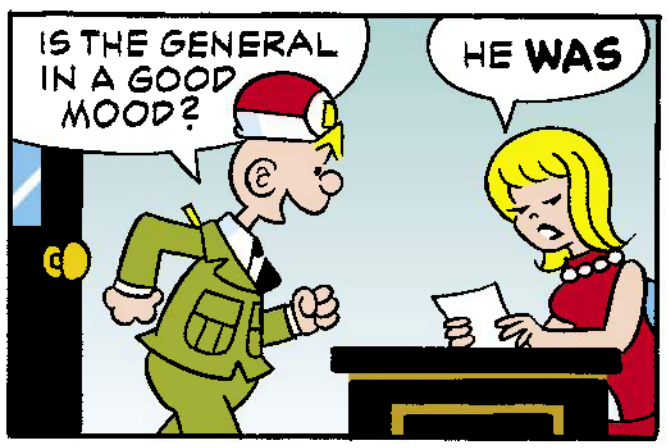

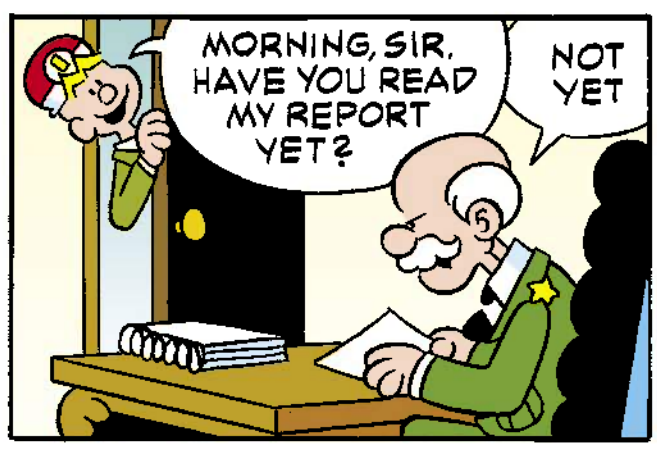

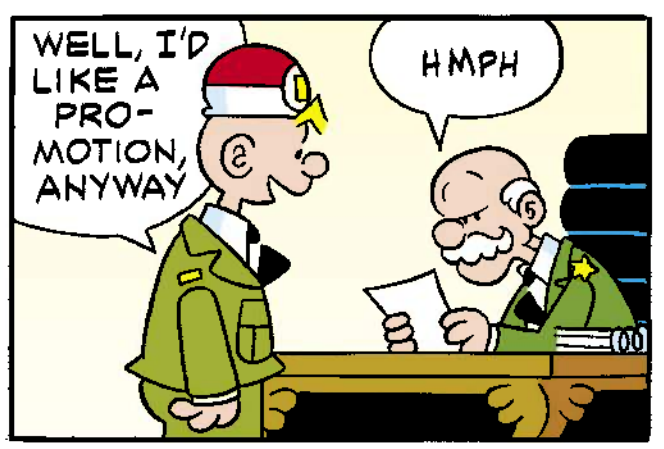

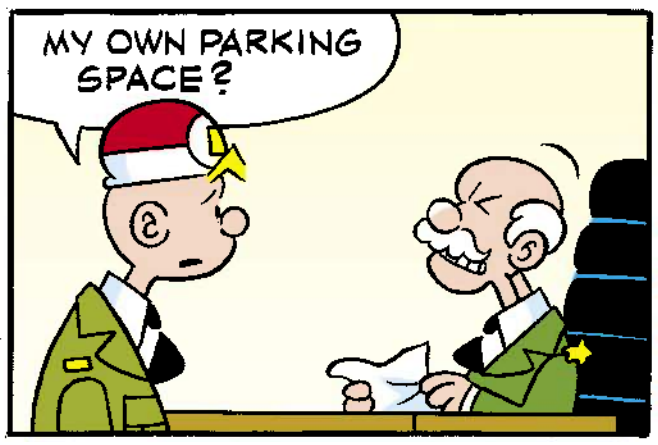

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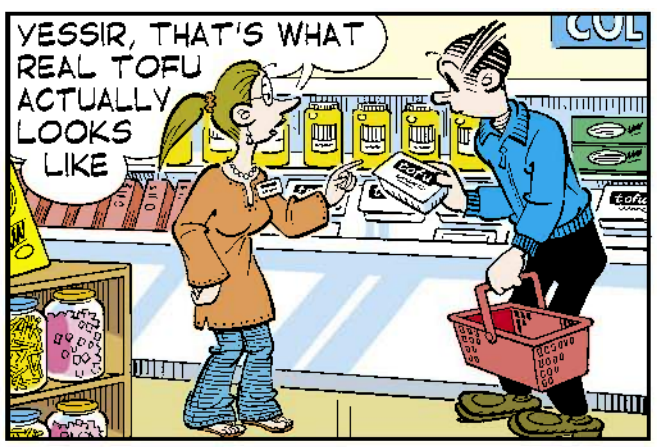

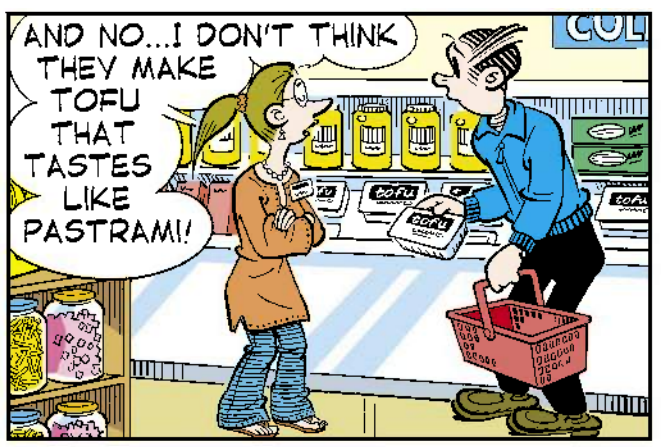

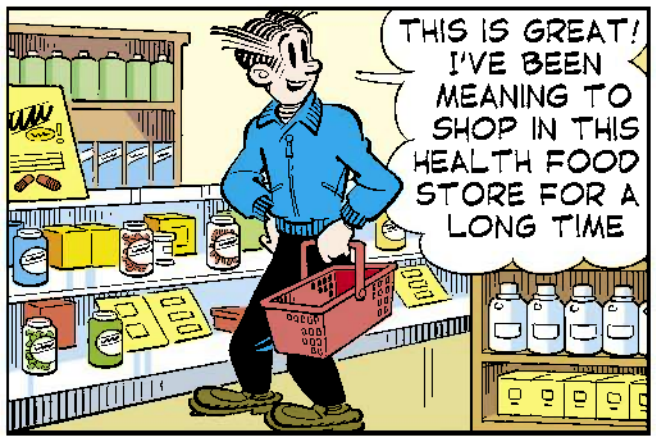

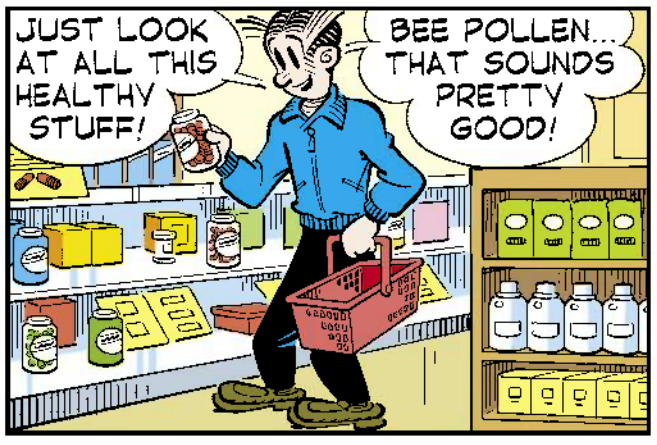

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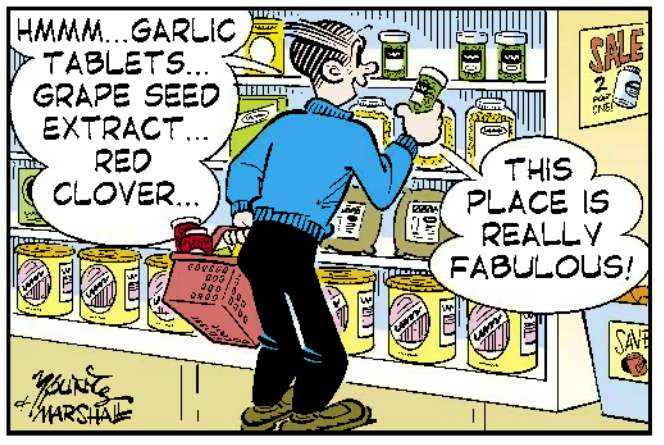

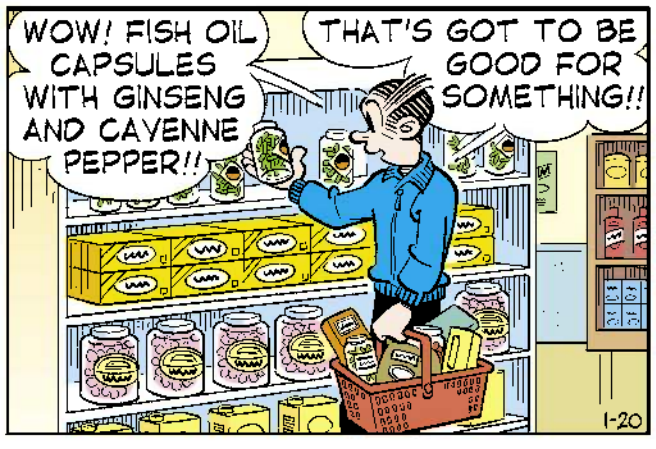

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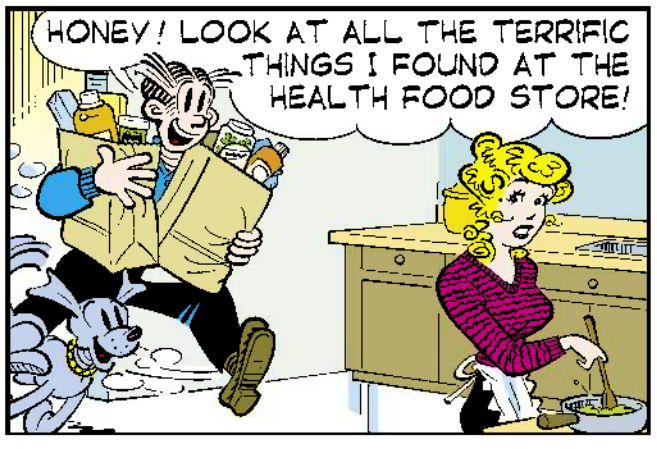

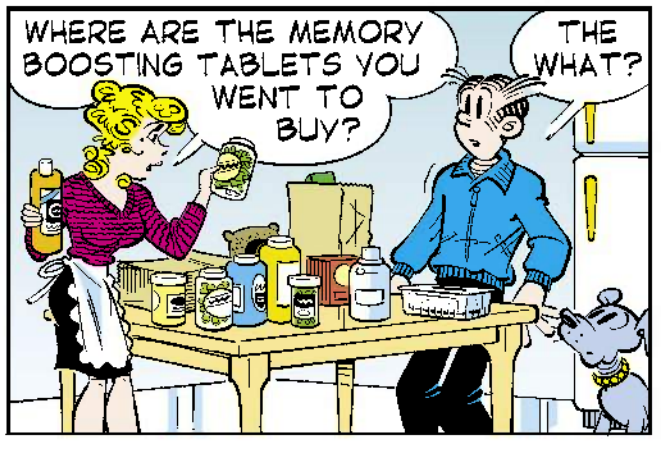

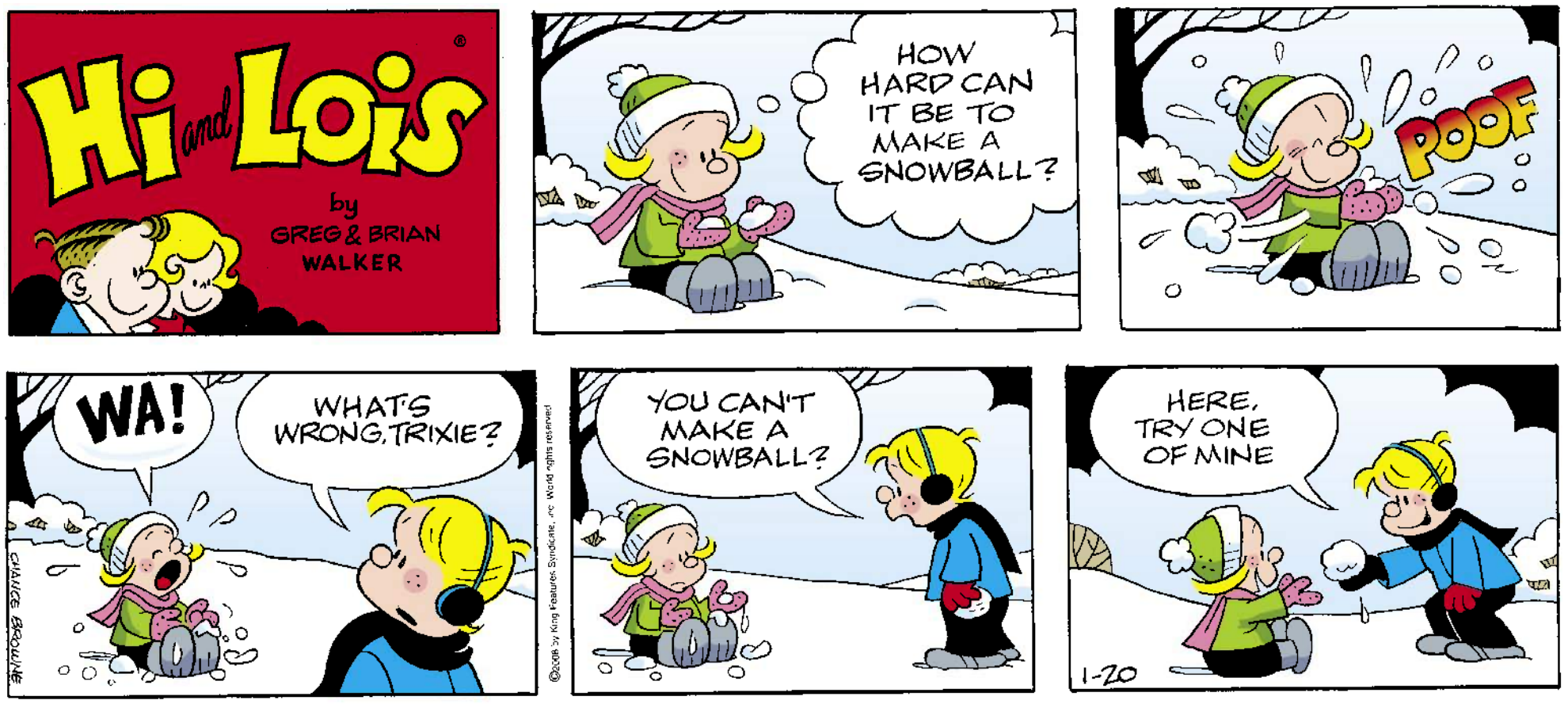

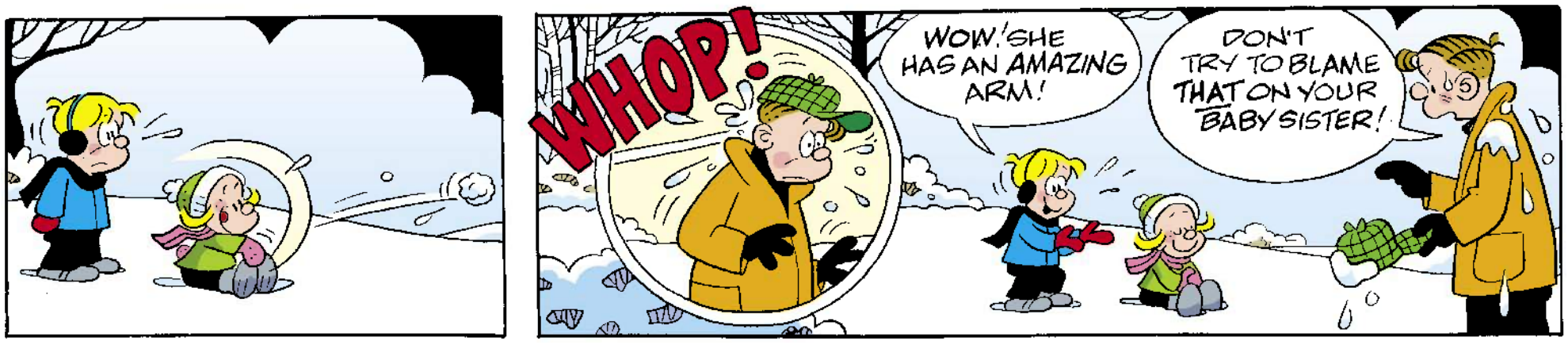

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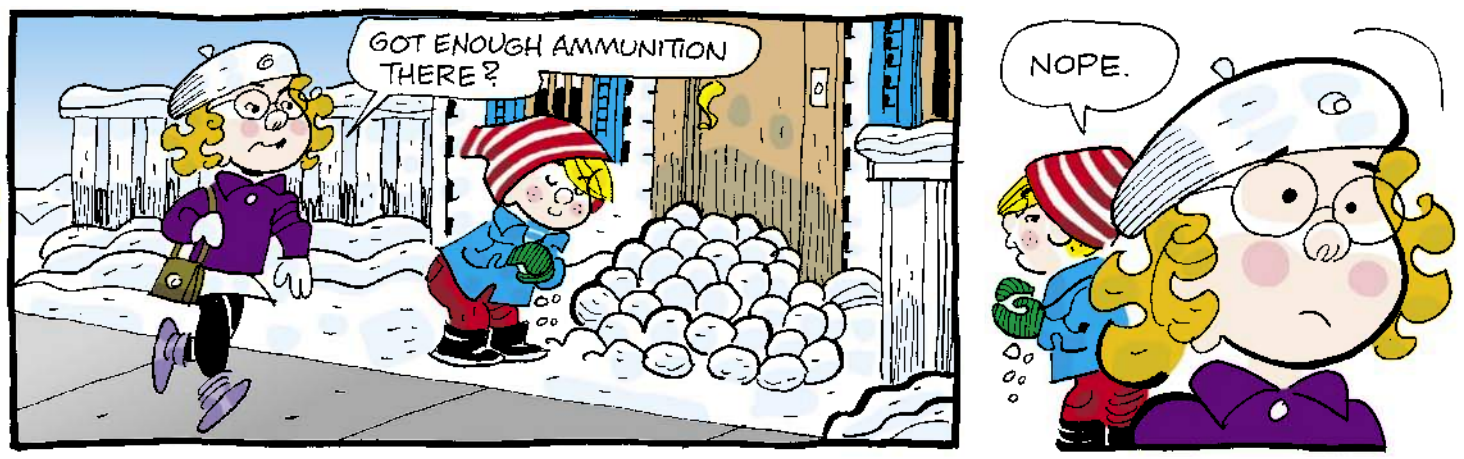

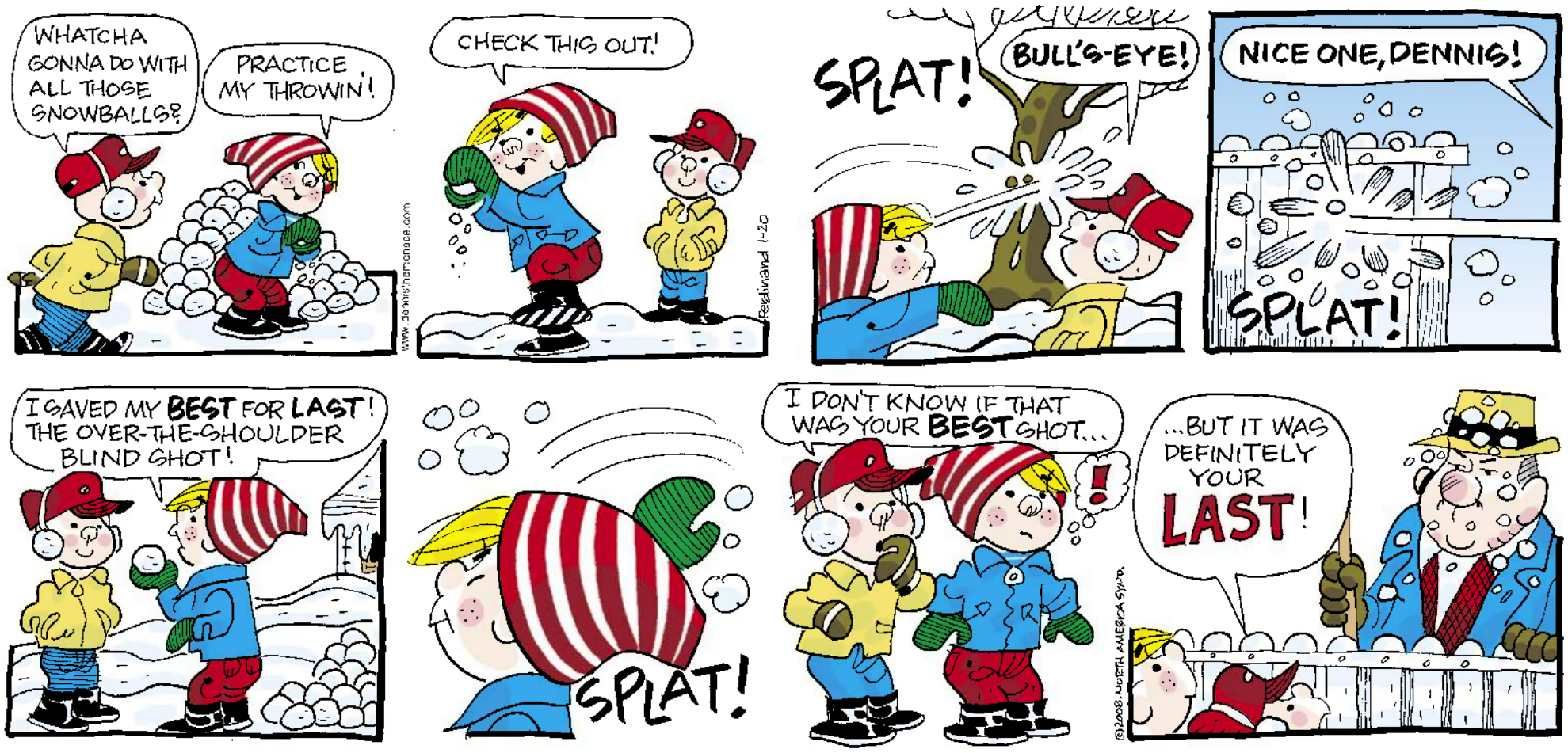

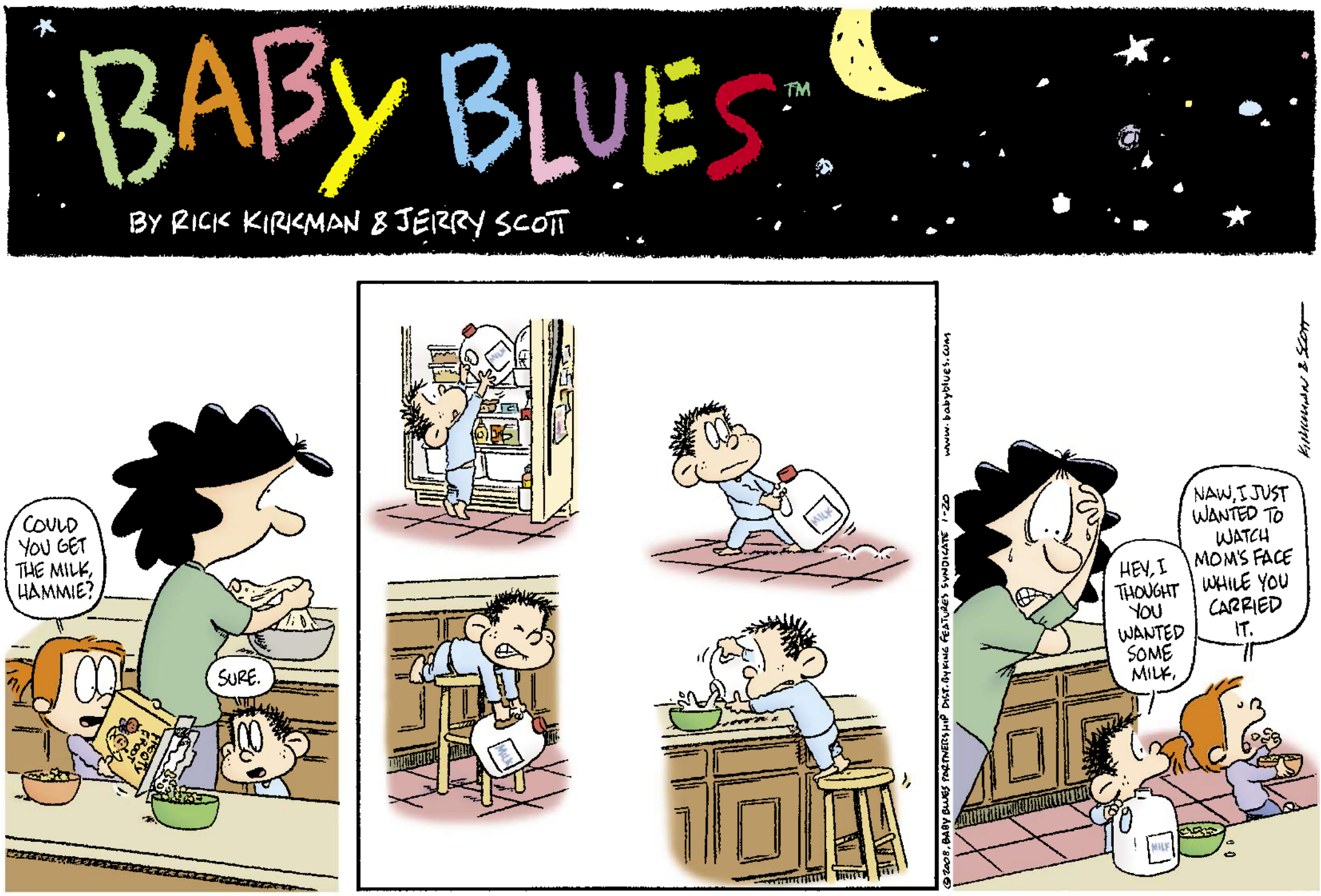
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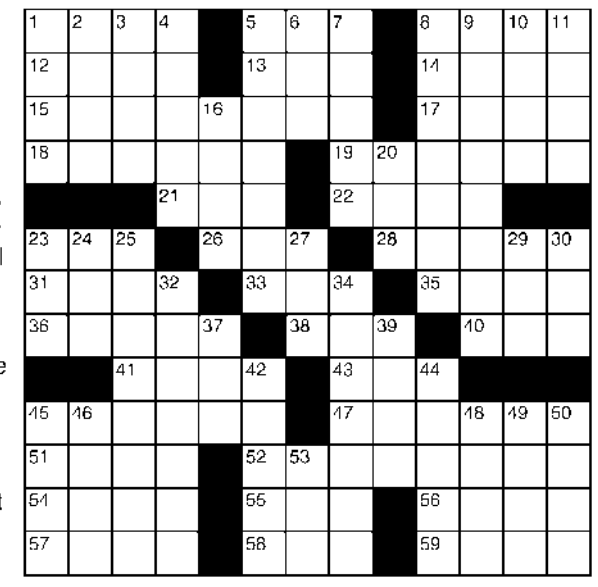

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17 "Cave Bear" clanswoman
18 Roma's place
19 Card carrier
21 Leftover bit
22 Big show
23 Squid squirt
26 Replacement
28 Filch game
31 Profound
33 More, in Monterrey
35 Roughly
36 Fashion
38 Chatter on and on
40 Party bowlful
41 Acknowledge 2/29?
43 Anger
45 Fly
47 "- With Wolves"
51 Alger's "before"
52 Arch part
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55 Inseparable
56 Send forth
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58 Mag. staffers
59 1981 Warren Beatty movie

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1 Trickster god
2 Help a hood
3 Sauce source
4 Response to ringing?
5 Slip
6 Throttle
7 Travelocity mascot
8 Rug cleaner
9 QWERTY
10 - Stanley Gardner
11 Sport
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24 Bottom line
25 It makes a poser easier to see
27 Satchel
29 William Petersen series
30 Gym party spot
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34 Agreed
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46 Bud holder
48 Arrive
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1. iPhone
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8. "Heroes"
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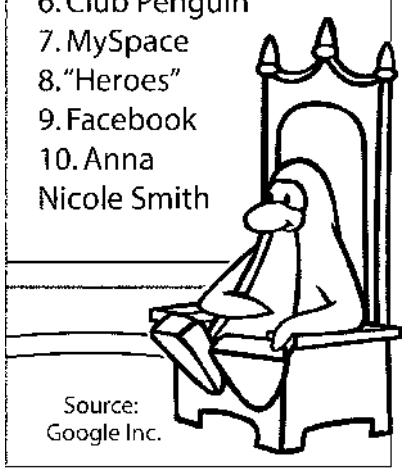

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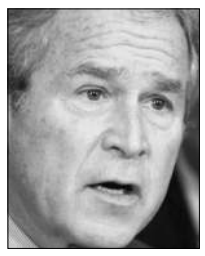
United States

WASHINGTON (AP)—With recession fears rising and the stock market tumbling, President Bush on Friday called for up to $150 billion in tax relief for consumers and business—and said there was no time to waste.

Bush's urgent remarks gave fresh impetus to congressional leaders already hard at work on an economic rescue package that would include extra money for food stamps and jobless benefits in addition to tax rebates of hundreds of dollars each for millions of Americans. The hope is that people would immediately spend those rebates and give the economy a badly needed boost.



"I believe we can come together on a growth package very quickly, and we're going to need to," Bush said.

Wall Street remained skeptical. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 59.91 points after plummeting 306 points a day earlier.

Bush said the rescue effort should be both quick and temporary, a one-time boost for a national economy that is in danger of sliding into the first recession since 2001 if it hasn't already edged across that line. The president's tone was somber in his remarks at the White House, but his mood was upbeat later in the day when he visited a factory to underscore his focus on the economy.

"Crank this sucker up," he exclaimed, an exhortation that could fit his hopes for economic revival, though he was referring specifically to a huge riding mower at Wright Manufacturing. Once the engine was roaring, Bush jumped on and steered the mower playfully.

Despite darkening economic reports, he said that if Congress passes a quick federal relief package, "We're gonna be just fine."

At the White House earlier, Bush avoided the word "recession" but acknowledged the economy was severely strained by the long housing slump and high oil prices.

"There is a risk of a downturn," Bush said.

3 pedestrian deaths ruled murder-suicide

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—A woman with a history of mental illness purposely walked her young niece and nephew into oncoming interstate traffic to commit a double-murder suicide, a prosecutor said Friday.

Marcelle Thibault, 39, was driving south on Interstate 495 in Lowell last week when she turned the car sharply, drove across the median and northbound lanes and began driving against traffic in the breakdown lane, authorities said.

She then stopped the car, took both children into her arms and walked onto the highway. She and the children were struck by two cars and killed.

"There are not many other scenarios I can think of that are as tragic as this one," District Attorney Gerry Leone said. "It is beyond belief, it is unimaginable, it is unspeakable, and it was a horrible tragedy."

The young victims were Kaleigh Lambert, 5, and Shane Lambert, 4, of Brentwood, N.H., who were the children of Thibault's twin sister.

Leone said Thibault had picked up the youngsters Jan. 11 for a "pirate and princess weekend." Young said the woman, who had two teenage children, often took her sister's kids for special weekends.

Kaleigh and Shane were the only children of Ken and Danielle Lambert and were typical youngsters, family spokesman Paul Young said. "They're a great family," Young said.

AP

Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., center, greets people at a town hall meeting in Elko, Nev. High School gym Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

Rivals blast Obama's praise for Reagan

RENO, Nev. (AP)—John Edwards and Hillary Rodham Clinton criticized Barack Obama's praise of the Republican Party and Ronald Reagan—an anathema for many Democrats, particularly union members considered crucial to winning Nevada's Democratic caucuses Saturday.

Obama responded by suggesting Clinton would be a "president whose plans change with the politics of the moment"—one of his most direct critiques of the New York senator yet.

The intensity reflects what polls suggest could be a tight contest Saturday as Nevada plays its most prominent role ever in a presidential nominating campaign. Nevada was granted a coveted spot right after Iowa and New Hampshire in an attempt to bring more racial and geographic diversity into the selection.

The novelty means there isn't a reliable way to determine who is likely to turn out at caucuses across the state. In addition, nine caucuses are to be held in casinos for the first time to allow shift workers to participate on a busy holiday weekend—making the result even more unpredictable.

Obama got a boost when he won the endorsement of the Culinary Workers Union that represents 60,000 housekeepers, bartenders, waiters and other employees on the Las Vegas Strip. Then a judge dismissed an attempt to eliminate the casino caucus sites. But Clinton still holds an edge in most polls.

NASA moon rocket may shake too much

WASHINGTON (AP)—NASA is wrestling with a potentially dangerous problem in a spacecraft, this time in a moon rocket that hasn't even been built yet.

Engineers are concerned that the new rocket meant to replace the space shuttle and send astronauts on their way to the moon could shake violently during the first few minutes of flight, possibly destroying the entire vehicle.

"They know it's a real problem," said Carnegie Mellon University engineering professor Paul Fischbeck, who has consulted on risk issues with NASA in the past. "This thing is going to shake apart the whole structure, and they've got to solve it."

If not corrected, the shaking would arise from the powerful first stage of the Ares I rocket, which will lift the Orion crew capsule into orbit.

ACROSS THE NATION

Terrorist gets life in embassy plot

NEW YORK (AP)—A Canadian terrorist who briefly became an informant against top al-Qaida leaders was sentenced to life in prison Friday for plotting to blow up American embassies in Singapore and the Philippines. A federal judge in Manhattan imposed the sentence after listening to a 20-minute speech from admitted terrorist Mohammed Mansour Jabarah, in which he repudiated violence and asked to be allowed to go home to his family. "I am not a ruthless, infamous and notorious terrorist," Jabarah said. "I do not believe in terrorism, violence and killing." U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones said she gave Jabarah credit for his repudiation of violence, but said she couldn't overlook what he had done. "Actions speak louder than words," she said.

911 operator guilty of blowing off call

DETROIT (AP)—A jury convicted a 911 operator Friday of willful neglect of duty after authorities said she didn't take seriously a boy's calls to report his mother had collapsed. The mother was found dead three hours after the first call. The misdemeanor charge against Sharon Nichols is punishable by up to a year in jail. She will be sentenced March 11. Nichols, 45, testified she could not hear the then-5-year-old boy on the other end of the line. Authorities said Robert Turner called 911 twice on Feb. 20, 2006, to report his mother had passed out. Robert, now 7, testified that Nichols hung up on him and accused him of playing games. Police found Sherrill Turner, 46, dead three hours after the first call. A wrongful death lawsuit against the city argues Sherrill Turner, who had an enlarged heart, would have survived if help had been sent immediately.

Armed man arrested near US Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. Capitol Police arrested a man carrying a shotgun outside the Capitol building Friday, authorities said. The man, who was not immediately identified, was in custody and no one was injured, police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said. An officer first spotted the man near Union Station, about two blocks from the Capitol. Police used a robotic camera to see inside the vehicle but could not determine some "items of concern," Schneider said. Authorities were evacuating parts of a nearby building as a precaution so they could use a powerful water hose to destroy the vehicle.

Taunting a factor in tiger attack

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police believe the three people mauled by a tiger yelled and waved at the cat from atop a railing before it lunged at them, but experts say that's only a notch up from the type of taunting animals regularly endure at the nation's zoos. One study concluded that as many as one in four zoo visitors razz the animals in some way, and large predators like tigers are a prime target. Paul Dhaliwal, 19, was severely injured when the 250-pound Siberian tiger named Tatiana clawed its way up the wall of its enclosure, leapt out and mauled him. His brother, Kulbir, 24, was also injured, and their friend, 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr., was killed.

Report: N.Y. cops joked about dying man

NEW YORK (AP)—Police officers were taped joking about a dying, homeless Guatemalan immigrant after he was found on the side of a deserted road in their suburban town, a TV station reported. "You wanna hear something really funny? ... He's alive," a Bedford police officer tells a sergeant on a taped phone call aired Thursday on WCBS. The two go on to marvel—with the officer chuckling—that Rene Perez had apparently revived himself temporarily after authorities thought him dead. The station said Perez died an hour after the officers' taped exchange April 28. In a phone call to another Bedford sergeant after Perez's death, a Bedford officer sings the title line from the 1966 Left Banke single "Walk Away Renee."

Asia

Attackers kill 10 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Suspected Tamil Tiger rebels fatally shot 10 ethnic Sinhalese civilians in southern Sri Lanka, the Defense Ministry said Friday, amid escalating violence following the government's withdrawal from a cease-fire.

Military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara blamed the Tigers for the killings Thursday night in Thanamalwila village, 160 miles southeast of the capital, Colombo.

Spokesmen for the rebels could not immediately be reached for comment. The Tigers, listed as a terror organization by the U.S. and European Union, routinely deny responsibility for such attacks.

However, a pro-rebel Web site said those killed were civilians carrying guns provided by the government after an attack on a farm in the same area that killed 32 people this week. It did not say who was behind the killings.

Nanayakkara denied that civilians had been armed.

Violence has intensified in Sri Lanka since the government announced two weeks ago that it would scrap the six-year-old cease-fire between the government and rebels—a pact that had largely been ignored in recent years. The truce officially ended Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, ended a two-day visit to Sri Lanka on Friday during which he "reaffirmed the support of the United States to Sri Lanka in defending against terrorist activity through co-operation on maritime security," the U.S. Embassy said.

Willard met with President Mahinda Rajapaksa and senior military officials, and discussed U.S. help in countering the Tamil Tigers, the embassy said in a statement, without giving details.

Pakistan border clash kills militants

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—Dozens of Islamic militants died in clashes with Pakistani troops Friday, the army said, amid reports that government forces had launched an operation to clear the area of fighters who overran military positions near the Afghan border.

The intensifying combat highlighted the deteriorating security in the region, a stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaida.

Last month, Islamist warlord Baitullah Mehsud unveiled an alliance of Taliban militants operating in the lawless tribal area. That represented a new challenge to the authority of President Pervez Musharraf, who has deployed nearly 100,000 troops in the region since joining the U.S.-led war on terror six years ago.

The government believes Mehsud masterminded the Dec. 27 assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto—a conclusion shared by the CIA, a U.S. intelligence official said in Washington. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Musharraf has blamed Mehsud and pro-Taliban militant cleric Maulana Fazlullah for about 20 suicide attacks in the last three months that have killed more than 400 people.

RP's Arroyo cites drop in political killings

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said Friday her government made "significant progress" in reducing political killings in 2007, but critics countered that violence was far from over.

Addressing foreign diplomats, Arroyo cited police figures that showed 7 political activists and journalists were killed in 2007, compared to 41 the year before.

"Significant progress has been made in our fight against political violence," Arroyo said.

"While we are pleased with the progress, we will not be satisfied until every last incidence of violence has stopped and every criminal prosecuted and behind bars," she said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Doctor: Suharto could recover

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Former Indonesian dictator Suharto's condition has improved and he has a good chance of recovering, his doctor said Saturday. "We're optimistic," presidential doctor Marjo Subiandono told reporters during a briefing Saturday. The 86-year-old has been in the hospital for more than two weeks, suffering from multiple organ failure, pneumonia and sepsis, a potentially lethal blood infection. He received dialysis for failing kidneys and a blood transfusion. Doctors said privately he had been near death. The former leader is still attached to a ventilator, but his heart and lung capacity have improved, and his sepsis is also receding, Subiandono said.

Vietnam seizes smuggled snakes

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Authorities in Vietnam seized thousands of snakes that were smuggled into the country on a flight from Thailand, officials said Friday. Thousands of nonvenomous rat snakes were shipped as cargo in 60 boxes on a Vietnam Airlines flight from Bangkok to Hanoi's Noi Bai airport Thursday, said airline spokesman Trinh Ngoc Thanh. Thanh said the shipment had been declared as live fish. Many of the snakes, which were surrounded by plastic filled with ice water, died, said Nguyen Ba Oanh, director of the Wild Animal Rescue Center near Hanoi where the snakes were taken. The official Vietnam News Agency reported Friday that the snakes, which are protected animals, may have been en route to another country.

Shipyard fire in Philippines kills 2, injures 3 workers

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A fire broke out on a ship being built by a South Korean company in a northern Philippine shipyard Friday, killing two and injuring three workers, officials said. Sparks from a welding machine fell into the engine shaft of the vessel in Subic Bay Freeport, igniting materials inside, said the freeport's deputy administrator, Neth Fernando. She said all the victims were Filipino workers from Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Co., one of the investors at the former U.S. naval base 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila.

East Timor at risk of renewed violence

DILI, East Timor (AP)—East Timor risks lapsing into civil conflict if divisions between police and army forces are not resolved, a security watchdog cautioned Friday, calling on the government and United Nations to act quickly. Clashes between the police and army deserters from April to June 2006 gave way to gang warfare, looting and arson, said the International Crisis Group—a nonprofit conflict resolution think tank. At least 37 people were killed and 155,000—a fifth of the population—were displaced. Relative calm was restored by foreign troops and U.N. police who supervised 2007 elections in which Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos-Horta became president. But unresolved tension remains a threat to political stability.

World

Clashes kill nearly 50 in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—Violence left nearly 50 people dead in two major southern cities Friday when members of a shadowy, messianic cult attacked police and fellow Shiite worshippers—a year after a similar plot was foiled during Shiite Islam's most important holiday.

Iraqi authorities said at least 36 people were reported killed in Basra, Iraq's second largest city, and at least 10 in Nasiriyah, where witnesses said U.S.-led coalition jet fighters and helicopter gunships targeted a police station seized by cult gunmen.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Brad Leighton said an Iraqi request for air support in the area was approved, but he could not confirm whether airstrikes were carried out. Some clashes raged into the night, raising the possibility of more casualties.

The assaults were launched as hundreds of thousands of Shiites observed the Ashoura holiday by marching, singing and beating their chests to honor the martyrdom of their most beloved saint. Followers of the cult—the Soldiers of Heaven—seek to speed the return of another Shiite figure known as a "Hidden Imam," who believers say will bring justice to the world.

2 tourists killed in Yemen attack

SAN'A, Yemen (AP)—Suspected al-Qaida militants opened fire on a convoy of tourists in a remote desert mountain valley Friday, killing two Belgian women and their Yemeni driver. It was the second recent militant attack on foreign tourists in Yemen, the ancestral homeland of Osama bin Laden.

The victims were traveling in a convoy of at least four vehicles through an ancient, ruin-filled desert valley called Wadi Daw'an in Yemen's eastern Hadramut region when the gunmen attacked, a security official said. Four people were wounded.

Karina Lambert, who survived the attack, said it was carried out by four gunmen hiding behind a pickup truck parked by the road.

"They wanted to kill, that's sure, because after the first bursts of machine-gun fire, they approached the vehicles and fired into the cars," she told Belgium's RTL-TVI television network.

Canada manual: US prisoners face torture

TORONTO (AP)—A training manual for Canadian diplomats lists the United States as a country where prisoners risk torture and abuse, citing interrogation techniques such as stripping prisoners, blindfolding and sleep deprivation.

The Foreign Affairs Department document, released Friday, singled out the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay. It also names Israel, Afghanistan, China, Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Syria as places where inmates could face torture.

A Canadian citizen, Omar Khadr, is in custody at Guantanamo, but Canada has long publicly said it accepts U.S. assurances that Khadr is being treated humanely.

CUBA ELECTIONS AP

In this photo released on Jan. 16, 2008 by Cuba's newspaper Juventud Rebelde, Cuba's President Fidel Castro, left, speaks with Brazil's President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva, right, as a translator looks on in Havana, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008. More than 90 percent of voters are expected to turn out Sunday for parliamentary elections. The 81-year-old Castro is up for re-election to the legislature, as is his younger brother Raul, who has run the government since July 2006.

WORLD BRIEFS

Heathrow crash report: Engines failed

LONDON (AP)—The engines on a British Airways plane that crash-landed at London's Heathrow airport failed to respond for a demand to increase thrust about two miles before it reached the runway, a preliminary accident report said Friday. Using flight recorder information, investigators will focus on what might have caused the engine problem on British Airways Flight 038 from Beijing to London, according to the report from Britain's Air Accidents Investigation Branch. The British Airways Boeing 777 made a crunching touchdown short of the runway on Thursday, ripping off the plane's landing gear and severely damaging the two engines and wings. Nineteen injuries were reported among the 152 people aboard.

Israel closes vital Gaza crossings

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israel sought to put an end to a surge in rocket attacks from Gaza, sending its air force Friday against a symbol of Hamas power in the heart of Gaza City and simultaneously choking off shipments of fuel and food across its border with the strip. An Israeli warplane attacked the downtown offices of the Palestinian Interior Ministry, flattening one wing of the empty building, killing a woman at a wedding party next door and wounding at least 46 other civilians, some of them children playing soccer in the street, hospital staff and witnesses said. The attack was the first on a ministry building since Hamas seized control of Gaza last June.

Sicily's governor convicted in Palermo

ROME (AP)—A court in Palermo convicted Sicily's governor Friday of helping a Mafia boss and sentenced him to five years in prison. Gov. Salvatore Cuffaro said he would appeal and continue serving as governor of the island while the case was in progress. "I never did anything to help the Mafia," Cuffaro told reporters. "Early tomorrow morning ... I will be back at my desk." In Italy, convictions are not considered final until all appeals are exhausted, a process that can take years. Cuffaro was also banned from holding public office but the order will not take effect until the appeals process is over.

Focus

Ex-chess champion Bobby Fischer, 64

By GUDJON HELGASON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Chess star Bobby Fischer is seen in New York, in this April 28, 1962 file photo.
AP

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—"Chess," Bobby Fischer once said, "is life." It was the chess master's tragedy that the messy, tawdry details of his life often overshadowed the sublime genius of his game. Fischer, who has died at the age of 64, was a child prodigy, a teenage grandmaster and—before age 30—a world champion who triumphed in a Cold War showdown with Soviet champion Boris Spassky.

But the last three decades of his life were spent in seclusion, broken periodically by erratic and often anti-Semitic comments and by a bizarre legal showdown with his homeland, the United States.

"He was the pride and sorrow of chess," said Raymond Keene, a British grandmaster and chess correspondent for The Times of London. "It's tragic," he said, "that such a great man descended into .... anti-Semitism."

Fischer died Thursday of kidney failure in Reykjavik, Iceland after a long illness, friend and spokesman Gardar Sverrisson said Friday.

"A giant of the chess world is gone," said Fridrik Olafsson, an Icelandic grandmaster and former president of the World Chess Federation.

Fischer once said, "Chess is life."

It was Fischer's tragedy that the messy, tawdry details of his life often overshadowed the sublime genius of his chess.

Chicago-born, Brooklyn, N.Y.-raised Fischer moved to Iceland in 2005 in a bid to avoid extradition to the U.S., where he was wanted for playing a 1992 match Yugoslavia in defiance of international sanctions.

At his peak, Fischer was a figure of mystery and glamour who drew millions of new fans to chess.

Russian former world chess champion Garry Kasparov said Fischer's ascent of the chess world in the 1960s was "a revolutionary breakthrough" for the game.

"The tragedy is that he left this world too early, and his extravagant life and scandalous statements did not contribute to the popularity of chess," Kasparov told The Associated Press.

Rival and friend Spassky, reached at his home in France, said in a brief phone call that he was "very sorry" to hear of Fischer's death.

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, president of the World Chess Federation, called Fischer "a phenomenon and an epoch in chess history, and an intellectual giant I would rank next to Newton and Einstein."

An American chess champion at 14 and a grand master at 15, Fischer vanquished Spassky in 1972 in a series of games in Iceland's capital, Reykjavik, to become the first officially recognized world champion born in the United States.

The Fischer-Spassky match, at the height of the Cold War, took on mythic dimensions as a clash between the world's two superpowers.

It was a myth Fischer was happy to fuel. "It's really the free world against the lying, cheating, hypocritical Russians," he said.

But Fischer's reputation as a genius of chess was eclipsed, in the eyes of many, by his idiosyncrasies.

He lost his world title in 1975 after refusing to defend it against Anatoly Karpov. He dropped out of competitive chess and largely out of view, spending time in Hungary and the Philippines and emerging occasionally to make outspoken and often outrageous comments.

He praised the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, saying "I want to see the U.S. wiped out," and described Jews as "thieving, lying bastards." Fischer's mother was Jewish.

In July 2004, Fischer was arrested at Japan's Narita airport for traveling on a revoked U.S. passport. He was threatened with extradition to the United States to face charges of violating sanctions imposed to punish Slobodan Milosevic, then president of Yugoslavia, by playing a 1992 rematch against Spassky in the country.

Fischer renounced his U.S. citizenship and spent nine months in custody before the dispute was resolved when Iceland—a chess-mad nation of 300,000—granted him citizenship.

"They talk about the 'axis of evil,"' Fischer said when he arrived in Iceland. "What about the allies of evil ... the United States, England, Japan, Australia? These are the evildoers."

In his final years, Fischer railed against the chess establishment, alleging that the outcomes of many top-level chess matches were decided in advance.

Instead, he championed his concept of "Fischerandom," or random chess, in which pieces are shuffled at the beginning of each match in a bid to reinvigorate the game.

"I don't play the old chess," he told reporters when he arrived in Iceland in 2005. "But obviously if I did, I would be the best."

Born in Chicago on March 9, 1943, Robert James Fischer was a child prodigy, playing competitively from the age of 8.

At 13, he became the youngest player to win the United States Junior Championship. At 14, he won the United States Open Championship for the first of eight times.

At 15, he became an international grand master, the youngest person to hold the title.

Tall and striking-looking, he was a chess star—but already gaining a reputation for volatile behavior.

He turned up late for tournaments, walked out of matches, refused to play unless the lighting suited him and was intolerant of photographers and cartoonists. He was convinced of his own superiority and called the Soviets "Commie cheats."

"Chess is war on a board," he once said. "The object is to crush the other man's mind."

His behavior often unsettled opponents—to Fischer's advantage.

This was seen most famously in the showdown with Spassky in Reykjavik between July and September 1972. Having agreed to play Spassky in Yugoslavia, Fischer raised one objection after another to the arrangements and they wound up playing in Iceland.

Fischer then demanded more money and, urged by no less than Henry Kissinger, he went to Iceland after a British financier, Jim Slater, enriched the prize pot.

"Fischer is known to be graceless, rude ... I really don't worry about that, because I didn't do it for that reason," Slater has said.

"I did it because he was going to challenge the Russian supremacy, and it was good for chess," Slater added.

When play got under way, days late, Fischer lost the first game with an elementary blunder after discovering that the TV cameras he had reluctantly accepted were not unseen and unheard, but right behind the players' chairs.

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Fisher's 1972 match was Cold War battle

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—The historic chess match between American Bobby Fischer and Soviet champion Boris Spassky was the Cold War played out with pawns instead of missiles, a combat of mind games between two masters at the height of their powers.

Dubbed the Match of the Century and played in 1972 in the then-obscure Icelandic capital of Reykjavik, it made Fischer famous—and vice versa.

It was in that same city that he died Thursday at age 64—one year for each square on the board—an outcast from the chess world and estranged from the United States.

Fischer called the match nothing less than "the free world against the lying, cheating hypocritical Russians." The affable Spassky, backed by an all-powerful, state-sponsored chess machine, just wanted to play.

The Soviet Union had held the chess crown since the end of World War II, Spassky since 1969. It was clear the freewheeling Fischer—U.S. champion since 14, grand master since 15—was the most serious threat to their dominance.

The obnoxious but brilliant boy from Brooklyn, N.Y., relished humiliating Soviet players, in part, he said, because they agreed to quick draws in qualifying games between themselves, then forced him to play long, tactical and physically exhausting matches.

Fischer's confidence rose as he vanquished a succession of world-class players with trademark attacks that employed offensive tactics to crush opponents, not just simply defeat them.

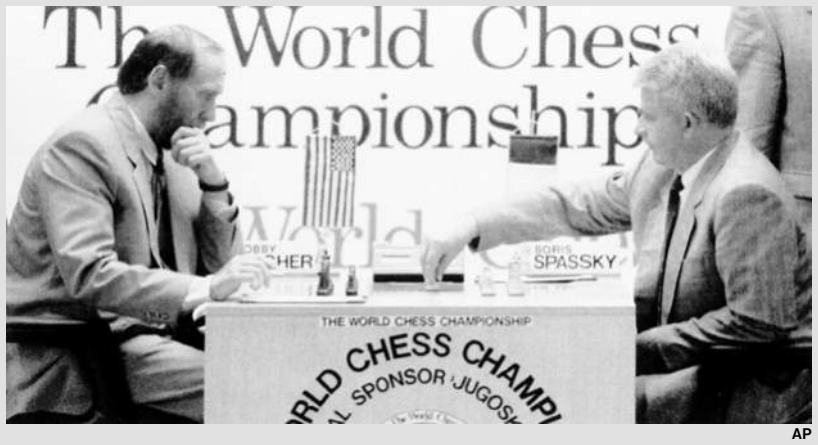
The Spassky match almost didn't come off. Fischer threatened to boycott the Reykjavik match after complaining about the small prize money.

London financier Jim Slater stepped in, matching the $125,000 put up by the organizers in Iceland, who also gave the players a share of the money from television and movie rights. The winner would get more than $231,000, the loser more than $168,000.

Fischer finally flew in at the last minute and was met by relieved Icelandic chess officials.

But there were more problems. Fischer complained about the lighting, the room temperature, the size of the chess board and the size of the table. Compromises were reached between the players on the lights and temperatures, the mahogany table was shortened, and the board was redone four times.

At one point, even Henry Kissinger intervened. "This is the worst player in the world calling the best player," the then-national security adviser is said to have told Fischer in a telephone call while taking a break from peace negotiations to end the Vietnam War.



AP
Boris Spassky, right, starts the 11th game against Bobby Fischer in Sveti Stefan, Yugoslavia, Sept. 19, 1992.

Retired Associated Press correspondent Andrew Torchia, who covered the Reykjavik match for the AP, recalled the difficulty in dealing with Fischer's demeanor when the young chessmaster was asked questions by reporters at the tournament.

"Sometimes you'd get a question, and Fischer would just look at you—and go somewhere else," Torchia said.

The match was front-page news around the world. Chess was watched

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Life & Style

Bridesmaid, Revisited

By JOSEPH V. AMODIO
SPECIAL TO NEWSDAY

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y.—Most women think it can't happen to them. They live in sweet denial. But we've all seen it happen, and it's time someone blew the lid off this dirty little secret.

We're talking, of course, about BBD—Bridal Blindness Disorder—the sudden, inexplicable way brides lose their sight (if not their sanity) when choosing bridesmaid dresses. How else to explain the shocking number of god-awful dresses that faithful friends and relatives are forced to wear, marching lockstep a few feet ahead of the chick all in white? C'mon, bridesmaids, fess up—you've worn some dogs, in all their poofy, sherbet-toned glory.

Lisa Witzer has a basement closet full of them. Five so far. By May, she'll have two more.

"It's like the bridesmaid closet," says Witzer, 31, a personal trainer at Equinox in Woodbury. "You always think in your head, 'Maybe I'll wear this again,' but then you realize ... it'll never happen."

Could be worse—she could be stuck with 20 more, like Katherine Heigl's character in the new film "27 Dresses," a sweet, romantic comedy that opened Friday. Heigl plays Jane, a woman who's worn so many bridesmaid dresses she can't close her closet door. The film comes from the same screenwriter as "The Devil Wears Prada," so count on one heckuva dress montage.

"There were plenty of women on the crew, and they'd say, 'I'll bring in my old dresses,' " says costume designer Catherine Marie Thomas. "It was kind of hilarious."

Heigl, just married in real life, not surprisingly looks beautiful in every zany outfit dreamed up by Thomas and her team, from the spike choker (Goth wedding) and pink flippers (underwater) to the Playboy, Greta Garbo and Bahama Mama getups. (Nothing, however, beats the saffron/fuchsia bridesmaid sari—complete with forehead bindi—for a Hindu-Jewish interfaith ceremony.)

Witzer's collection isn't quite so multi-culti. But she's got some doozies. Looking at her stash, one can't help but wonder: Can any of these dresses be saved?

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Lisa Witzer, 31, a trainer, poses in designer Nancy Sinoway's shop in Port Washington, N.Y, with some of her numerous, and often unfortunate, bridesmaid dresses.

We asked expert Port Washington dressmaker Nancy Sinoway to do a bit of satin-and-taffeta triage.

Sinoway approached the flock of five bad dresses with a discerning gaze, part Darwin, part Diana Vreeland.

"This one is too far gone," she declared, casting aside an acrid lilac two-piece with polyester chiffon shawl.

A ruby gown verging on drapery wasn't too bad, nor was a Vera Wang-ish ivory strapless. A black gown with a useless white panel in back felt oddly reminiscent of ... Pilgrims. But the mother lode came in the form of a sequined, emerald number with "Dynasty"-worthy shoulder pads and big, puffy sleeves.

"If you can make this pretty again, I'd wear it," says Witzer, who wore Big Green to a cousin's wedding about 10 years ago.

Sinoway took up the challenge, making over both the green and black dresses—a process she says can cost anywhere from $125 to $300 (more for intricate work like beading).

The results: more surprising than any political primary.

"I can't believe they're the same dresses," says Witzer, feeling the fabric of one as if to double-check it's hers.

Of course, being a bridesmaid is about more than just the dress.

"Don't go into it thinking you're gonna wear it again," says Millie Martini Bratten, editor in chief of Bride's magazine. "Go into it knowing you're there to support a friend, stand tall and smile on her wedding day. Because that's what friends do."

Witzer couldn't agree more. Still, she says, "If you have these dresses in your closet, it's nice to know you can get some use out of them."

Think before the big day

By JOSEPH V. AMODIO
SPECIAL TO NEWSDAY

"Most brides, when looking at bridesmaid dresses, imagine how the dress would fit them, not their bridesmaids," says dressmaker Nancy Sinoway.

That's their first mistake. There are plenty more; here are some ways to avoid them.

FOR THE BRIDE

Get real. No single dress will work on a size 2 and a size 20, says costumer Cat Thomas. "Women's bodies don't work that way." Even size 2's—with "huge boobs or none"—can vary, she adds.

Money matters. Know what your bridesmaids can afford, notes Millie Martini Bratten, of Brides magazine. "They're making a sacrifice for you, so try to do the best by them," she says.

Let a bridesmaid pick her dress. "She knows what works for her undergarments, her body shape," says Sinoway. Specify a certain designer, maybe a shade or two. "Even if one is strapless, another has a high neck and low back," she says, "it's still the same line and a cohesive look."

FOR THE BRIDESMAID

Suck it up. Agreeing to be a bridesmaid means being a part of the bride's fantasy, says Bratten. "It's her day, her vision, and you've agreed to support her."

Speak up, if you must. "I hate this dress" won't work. Bratten suggests saying something polite like: "I love you and want to be a part of your wedding, but I'm so uncomfortable in this. What can we do about it?" (Adding a shawl, shrug or bolero to a strapless or otherwise bare dress works wonders, she notes.)

Don't skimp on alterations. "You can't have a good time," says Thomas, "if you're constantly worrying, 'Are my boobs gonna fall out?' When a dress fits well, you just feel good. You're like, 'OK, I can do this.' That's a huge part of it."

Easier on the wallet

The tragic bridesmaid dress has "become a cliche"—they're actually getting better, Millie Martini Bratten of Brides magazine insists.

Finer fabrics are available at lower prices, and designers now offer classic shades: black, brown, navy, bisque. The price point isn't bad, either.

"J. Crew and Ann Taylor carry bridal lines," Bratten says. And last year, Isaac Mizrahi unleashed bridal looks priced at $35 and up at—where else?—Target.

Bridal wear has been improving since the 1990s, she says, when brides started scanning the red carpet for inspiration, and modern looks from Vera Wang (who began designing in 1992) and Amsale gained in popularity.

Weddings are much more fashionable now, Bratten says.

OK. And when they're, uh ... not?

"Kibitzing about the dress is all part of the fun," she says. ***(Special to Newsday)***

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He boycotted the second game and the referee awarded the point to Spassky, putting the Russian ahead 2-0.

But then Spassky agreed to Fischer's demand that the games be played in a back room away from cameras. Fischer went on to beat Spassky, 12.5 points to 8.5 points in 21 games.

In the recent book "White King and Red Queen," British author Daniel Johnson said the match was "an abstract antagonism on an abstract battleground using abstract weapons ... yet their struggle embraced all human life."

"In Spassky's submission to his fate and Fischer's fierce exultant triumph, the Cold War's denouement was already foreshadowed."

Funeral details were not immediately available. Fischer moved to Iceland with his longtime companion, Japanese chess player Miyoko Watai. She survives him.

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in bars across the United States.

Fischer lost the first game with a basic mistake, falling to the temptation to take a side pawn with his bishop, which was then trapped by Spassky's other pawns.

The American then complained about the TV cameras being too close to the players. For the second game, he refused to leave his hotel room.

Spassky sat by himself on stage for five minutes before leaving. Organizers waited an hour, according to international rules, before giving the win to Spassky by default.

With Fischer now trailing 2-0, Spassky agreed to concede to the American's demand that they play the third game in a back room away from cameras. Fischer won the game, his first ever victory against Spassky.

Fischer followed with more wins—in the fifth, sixth, eighth and 10th games—and never fell behind Spassky again.

In the last game, Spassky was losing and under increasing pressure from Fischer. With his pawns under attack, Spassky resigned after his 41st move. Fischer was world champion, winning 12 1/2 points to 8 1/2 points, in 21 games.

"Chess is war on a board," Fischer once said. "The object is to crush the other man's mind."

Spassky was graceful in defeat—too graceful for many back in Moscow, who criticized his performance and for failing to cope with Fischer's arrogance. Spassky eventually became a French citizen.

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An unofficial rematch with Spassky was staged in 1992 in Yugoslavia. Fischer again complained about playing conditions, and again won. But the game was in violation of U.S. economic sanctions imposed to punish Slobodan Milosevic, then leader of Yugoslavia.

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"(Fischer) was an exceptional figure, who made his mark not only on the history of chess but on the history of the world," said French chess commentator Jerome Maufras. "For some, he was a genius. For others, he was a crazy man."

THREE WISE GUYS

Advice on take-out spoons, cheating boyfriends

By JOE HEIM, JUSTIN RUDE and DAN ZAK
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Dear Wise Guys:

Which moronic company makes those carry-out-joint plastic soup spoons, the ones that are die-cut and so sharp they cut your mouth and you find blood on the spoon while eating (yuck). How can we find the makers and wring their necks until they fix them?—Michael

Joe: Are you sure you're not using a fork? My advice would be to eat with a little less gusto.

Dan: Sounds as though you have a rare eating disorder. To get help, visit www.instituteofcrazy.org/ive-gotbloodonmyspoon.

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Dear Wise Guys:

Back in September I discovered that my boyfriend of a year and a half had been cheating on me with his ex-girlfriend. I gave myself some time and eventually took him back, but just recently he left his cellphone at my house and on an impulse I checked his mailbox.

I know that it was wrong, but I had a good reason to do so. I discovered messages from him to another girl saying kind of intimate things. I confronted him about it, and he said that they were just "good friends" and that he was joking about the things he said to her. Should I believe him?—Hopelessly Devoted

Joe: Dear Hopeless, the short answer is no. The long answer is noooooooooooo! Do you really want to be with a guy whom you trust so little that you're reduced to checking his cellphone mailbox?

Dan: The is the first time I've seen Joe write something accurate.

Joe: Thanks!

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Dear Wise Guys:

Years ago in traffic school in Virginia I learned that it is legal to make a left turn on a red light onto a one-way street in Virginia. Is it legal to do that in Maryland? Please help—I don't want to go back to traffic school!—Debra

Justin: In Maryland and Virginia, it is permissible to turn left at a red signal from one one-way street onto another (after coming to a complete stop, of course), unless signs state otherwise. Just make sure you're not in the District of Columbia. I have been the passenger in a car that was pulled over for attempting this very maneuver just inside the border of the city, where it is significantly less legal.

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Dear Wise Guys:

On the international space station, what time zone did the astronauts use to ring in 2008?—Bernhard

Dan: The three guys in the space station use Greenwich Mean Time, which allows the greatest amount of business-day overlap between Houston and Moscow (at least, that's why it was originally picked for orbiters). But the Earth revolved into 2008 during the astronauts' slumber, said NASA spokesman Rob Navias. "They were asleep at the time," he said on the phone from Johnson Space Center in Houston. "They didn't celebrate."

Really? They didn't want to have the totally rad experience of uncorking champagne in zero gravity?

"If they did, we weren't privy to it."

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Dear Wise Guys:

The guy I'm dating never, ever pays me compliments—he's more of a show rather than tell sort of guy, which usually is fine. But once in a while it would be nice to hear, "Hey, you look really good." How do I get him to do that without asking him directly to pay me more compliments? I have tried complimenting him, but it hasn't worked. I feel weird even bringing this up. Thanks!—Kate

Dan: "Kate." I love that name.

Joe: This is such a great question. Thoughtful, well-crafted, touching even.

Justin: You're probably just so beautiful that he thinks you don't need to be told. But show him our answer and tell him to e-mail us his side of the story.

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Dear Wise Guys:

My family eats lots of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. The B&J cartons are sealed with a ring of stiff plastic around the lid. I've noticed that these aren't all the same. Some have perforations to make it easy to tear with your fingers, but some don't. Why the difference? Do some flavors need tougher security? Is the perforation machine broken on one of their production lines?—Steve

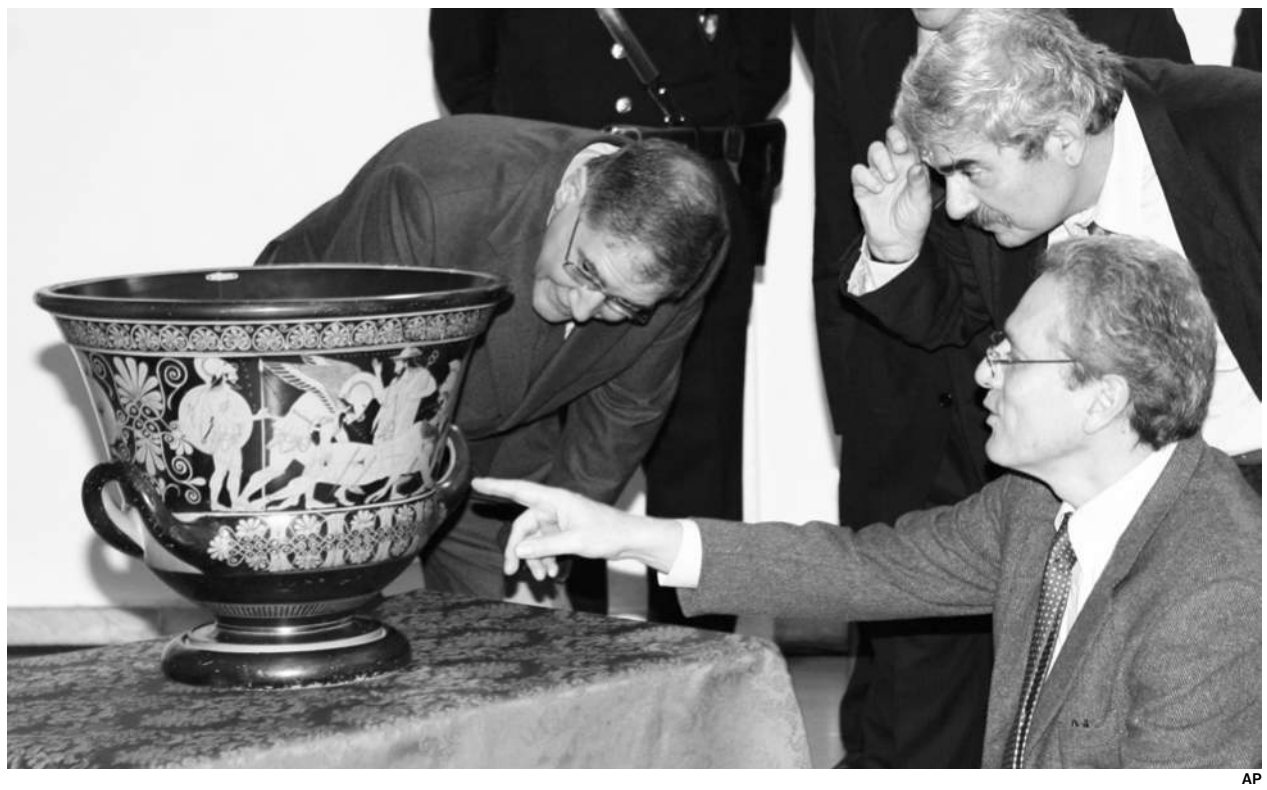
Joe: Steve, we wanted to put this question to either Ben or Jerry directly, but they were too busy with their various save-the-world schemes. Instead we reached Sean Greenwood, the company's grand pooh-bah of public relations (seriously, that's his title).

"We base it on the caloric intake of each ice cream," Greenwood said when we reached him on his cellphone somewhere in the middle of a Vermont snowstorm. "We think it's probably better to make it a little harder to open so that people can work off the calories while they open it. It's better for the overall cosmic balance."

We're a suspicious trio, so we challenged Greenwood on this hippy-dippy claim. "That's not really true, is it?"

He caved immediately: "Well, no, it isn't. It probably depends on what kind of band they use, and maybe they just ran out of the perforated bands during the packaging process."

Just as we suspected.



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Culture Minister Francesco Rutelli, right, and his predecessor, Rocco Buttiglione, left, who started the country's high-profile campaign for the recovery of art, admire the Euphronius Krater, a 2,500-year-old vase by the Greek artist, returned by the Metropolitan Museum in New York, during the unveiling ceremony in Rome, Friday Jan. 18, 2008.

Italy unveils returned Euphronius vase

ROME (AP)—With the return of a long-sought masterpiece of antiquity, Italy on Friday trumpeted one of the successes of its campaign to recover what it says are looted treasures from museums and collectors around the world.

The 2,500-year-old vase by Greek artist Euphronius, which Italy regained after signing a deal with the Metropolitan Museum in New York, was feted in Rome at an official presentation.

The Euphronius Krater—a large vase painted with scenes related to Homer's epic poems "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey"—is regarded as one of the finest examples of its kind. The vase was used as a bowl for mixing wine and water.

"It is universally considered the best work by the artist," Culture Minister Francesco Rutelli said at the ceremony. Also attending was his predecessor, Rocco Buttiglione, who started the country's high-profile campaign to recover art.

Rutelli sought to reassure art lovers that the Met's artistic richness would not suffer.

This "doesn't mean we're taking an opportunity away from the public," the minister said, stressing that the deal calls for Italy to lend equally significant artifacts to the Met for four years. "The policy of exchanging items resolves a tough confrontation without hurting" museum visitors, he said.

The Euphronius Krater was at the heart of negotiations with the New York museum. And it was the focal point of Italian government efforts to recover ancient treasures that have ended up in museums or private collections with what Italy claims was false documentation after being allegedly looted from archaeological sites.

Euphronius was one of Athens' greatest vase painters during a time of unequaled mastery for pottery in the ancient world. Like many other vessels, the krater was exported to Italy, and it is believed to have been used by the Etruscan civilization to decorate a tomb near Rome.

More than 2,000 years later, the priceless vase was looted from the site by Italy's "tombaroli"—or tomb raiders—and smuggled out of the country, Italian authorities say.

The museum bought it for $1 million in 1972 from American art dealer Robert Hecht, who is on trial in Rome on charges of knowingly acquiring allegedly looted ancient artifacts. He denies wrongdoing.

The deal that was eventually sealed with the New York museum in February 2006 called for the return of the vase by mid-January 2008. The museum also agreed to return 20 other antiquities.

Italy has secured the return of dozens of Roman, Greek and Etruscan artifacts in deals with museums including the Met and California's J. Paul Getty Museum. Italian art officials have said the agreements for long term loans of prestigious artifacts should discourage looting.

Rutelli also gave details about a recent agreement with a private U.S. collector that signals Italy's intention to broaden its campaign.

The deal with New York philanthropist Shelby White calls for the return of 10 artifacts from her private collection, the Culture Ministry confirmed Friday. It was first reported in The New York Times, which said White and her late husband insisted they bought the items in good faith.

Telephone and e-mail messages left for White's spokesman, Fraser Seitel, were not immediately returned.

Nine of the items already have been given to the Italian Consulate in New York and the 10th—another vase by Euphronius—was expected to be returned in two years, the ministry said.

'Hannah Montana' movie tickets hot

NEW YORK (AP)—Parents hoping to purchase tickets to the Hannah Montana movie may be in for a tough time.

Hundreds of showtimes are already sold out on Fandango and theater owners are constantly adding new ones, says Harry Medved, spokesman for Fandango, the nation's largest movie ticketing service. The movie opens nationwide Feb. 1 and runs for one week only. Tickets went on sale Dec. 1 and can be purchased online or at the box office.

"We have 21 girls in our Girl Scout troop and I wanted to be able to offer it to all of them, thinking it would be great if we could go together," said Patti Feurman, mother of two in Ridgefield, Conn. "It was impossible to get that many tickets for a single show. We all had to break up to try to find tickets and we are all at different showtimes."

"Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert" captures singing sensation Miley Cyrus during her 54-date tour. In the movie, Miley, 15, star of Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" series, performs as both a solo artist and as her television character, Hannah Montana. The movie is in Disney Digital 3D.

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Miley Cyrus, star of The Disney Channel's series "Hannah Montana" makes an appearance at the Licensing International Expo in this June 19, 2007 file photo in New York.

The concert movie was the No. 1 seller on MovieTickets.com its first week on sale, selling more on that Friday, Saturday and Sunday, than any other movies for the entire week, said Joel Cohen, MovieTickets.com's executive vice president and general manager. He says the ticketing service has sold thousands of tickets each day since.

The film was 30 percent of the ticket sales on Fandango as of Thursday, right behind "Cloverfield," which comes out Friday, and has consistently been a top-selling ticket on the site, says Medved. A Los Angeles movie theater had a 12:01 a.m. Feb. 1 showtime, with other theaters starting around 8 a.m. that day. The movie is playing in more than 600 theaters.

George Clooney named UN peace envoy

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon designated George Clooney as a U.N. "messenger of peace" Friday to promote the world body's activities, especially in its far-flung peacekeeping missions.

The 46-year-old actor has been campaigning for an end to the 4 1/2-year war in Darfur and for humanitarian aid for the millions caught up in the conflict. He will become the ninth U.N. peace envoy.

While many U.N. agencies have goodwill ambassadors to promote activities ranging from helping children and refugees to promoting human rights, "messengers of peace" are selected by the secretary-general to promote the broader work of the United Nations.

U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said Clooney was recognized "for focusing public attention on crucial international political and social issues."

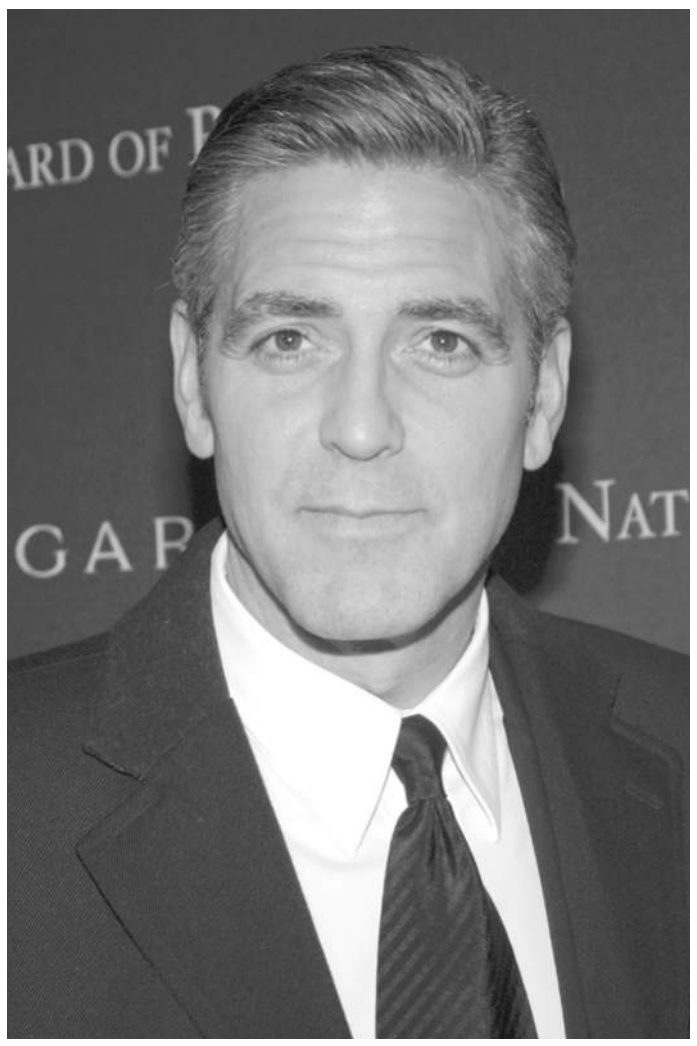
As a messenger of peace, he will have "a special focus on United Nations peacekeeping," Montas said.

Clooney will receive his designation at U.N. headquarters Jan. 31. He will also attend a meeting of countries that contribute troops to the 17 U.N. peacekeeping missions in countries from the Mideast and Africa to Haiti, Afghanistan and East Timor.

The 17 missions, with more than 100,000 personnel, include 73,000 troops and more than 9,000 international police. One of the newest missions is a joint African Union-U.N. peacekeeping force for Darfur that started deploying this month.

The other messengers of peace are Michael Douglas, Elie Wiesel, Jane Goodall, Yo-Yo Ma, Daniel Barenboim, Paulo Coelho, Midori Goto and Princess Haya of Jordan.

Clooney is a co-founder of Not on Our Watch, a humanitarian organization that focuses global attention on the plight of Darfur's people. The organization has raised more than $9.3 million for humanitarian efforts in the region.



George Clooney arrives at the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures awards gala in New York in this Jan. 15, 2008 file photo.

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Recording Academy circulates petition

NEW YORK (AP)—The Recording Academy has asked its members to sign a petition urging the Writers Guild of America to accept an agreement that would grant a waiver for writers to work on the upcoming Grammys, The Associated Press has learned.

The fate of the Feb. 10 telecast is in doubt after the WGA announced that it was unlikely to grant a waiver for music's biggest night. If a waiver is not granted, its members could picket the event, set to be broadcast live by CBS.

The online petition reads in part: "As a member of The Recording Academy, I would like to express my strong support for the Grammy Awards, and to encourage the WGA to accept the interim agreement offered by the producers of the Grammys. ... During this important 50th anniversary year, I support the Grammys and strongly urge the guild to do the same."

The message also refers to the academy's charitable and educational events and the fact that it employs hundreds of union members in the annual telecast.

The link to the online petition was sent in an e-mail message Thursday from Recording Academy President Neil Portnow and producer Jimmy Jam, who's the chairman of its board of trustees.

A WGA representative reiterated the group's earlier decision, that no final decision had been made. A Recording Academy representative did not have an immediate comment on the petition.

The Golden Globe awards, normally a glitzy, three-hour star-studded extravaganza, was reduced to a starless news conference Sunday when the Screen Actors Guild urged their members to boycott the event. The Academy Awards may face the same predicament Feb. 24.

The Recording Academy has said it hopes an agreement can be reached, though the WGA has said that is unlikely.

On Thursday, the manager for Beyonce said the star, also a member of the actor's guild, plans to perform at the Grammys, as do the Foo Fighters. However, neither act said whether they would cross a picket line if it came to that.

In a statement this week, Portnow said Grammy preparations remain "in full swing."

"We will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that a program so vital to our industry, artists, charitable beneficiaries and the great city of Los Angeles is held as planned," he said.

WGA Awards to hold small NYC ceremony

NEW YORK (AP)—While the writers strike continues to cause turmoil throughout awards season, the ceremony will go on for the Writers Guild of America—albeit scaled down considerably.

The WGA awards, which honor the year's best screenplays, will be announced Feb. 9. While the Los Angeles-based WGA West has canceled its awards ceremony pending the strike's conclusion, the guild's New York-based division announced Friday that it will still hold an informal reception.

"We have chosen to honor the nominees and recipients of our awards in the context of our ongoing strike against the studios and networks," said Michael Winship, president of the WGA East. "This will be a simple event that will rally us together as a union."

There will be no red carpet to the event, and only award nominees, their guests and other guild members will be permitted to attend.

The strike, which is principally over compensation for programs offered on the Internet, has for two months halted work on dozens of TV shows, disrupted movie production and turned the Golden Globes into a news conference.

Amy cries 'I love you' to jailed husband

LONDON (AP)—Amy Winehouse's husband appeared in court Friday to face charges of assault and conspiracy, and the troubled singer blew him kisses and whispered, "I love you," as he was led away.

Blake Fielder-Civil is accused of attacking a pub landlord—and then later conspiring with him to withdraw as a witness at the trial.

Fielder-Civil, 25, has pleaded innocent to the charge of assault, and is expected to plead Feb. 29 to a charge of perverting the course of justice. The landlord, James King, denied the conspiracy charge Friday.

The 24-year-old British singer-songwriter—her newly platinum-blond hair looking bedraggled—came to her husband's support at the hearing, blowing kisses before yelling out: "I love you handsome, gorgeous one."

Then, addressing reporters: "I am not talking to you."

Winehouse had been known for her black hair and massive beehive hairdo.

Last month, she was photographed walking outside her London home wearing a bra and jeans, with no shoes, looking distressed.

British singer Amy Winehouse, left, leaves Snaresbrook Crown Court in London with an unidentified woman after the hearing of her husband Blake Fielder-Civil, Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

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New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning answers questions during a press conference after practice at Giants Stadium Friday, Jan. 18, 2008 in East Rutherford, N.J.

Eli Manning can get 'Seinfeld' fix after all

MILWAUKEE (AP)—For a show that was about nothing, the hubbub around it has certainly turned into something.

A Green Bay television station decided to have some fun this week after employees discovered that Giants quarterback Eli Manning's favorite show is "Seinfeld." Station officials decided to pull the episode scheduled for Saturday afternoon and replace it with a different program chosen by viewers.

Manning and his New York teammates will be in town to play the Green Bay Packers in the NFC championship game Sunday afternoon.

News of WLUK-TV's decision apparently reached Jerry Seinfeld himself.

"I'm going to send Eli a complete collection of 'Seinfeld' DVDs and a partial collection of 'Hogan's Heroes' for inspiration," the comedian told the New York Post on Thursday.

"You think I'm going to take that sitting down?"

Jay Zollar, the Fox station's general manager, laughed when he heard of Seinfeld's response. Zollar joked that the offer actually plays into the station's master plan of preventing Manning from being master of the domain on Sunday.

"Now he (Manning) will be up all night watching 'Seinfeld'—there will be no sleep for you," he said, parodying the Soup Nazi episode in which a server admonishes noncompliant customers with, "No soup for you!"

Manning said Friday the whole affair was amusing.

"Yeah, it's pretty funny," he said. "You've got to enjoy it."

Manning added that he already has the entire "Seinfeld" collection.

"I've seen every episode anyway, so I'm not going to miss anything on it," he said. "Again, you take it all in, you smile at it and you don't really give it a lot of thought."

A message from The Associated Press relayed to Seinfeld's publicist through his lawyer was not immediately returned Friday.

The station let viewers vote on the show to replace the pulled "Seinfeld" episode.

Of about 3,700 votes cast, some 60 percent were for a 30-minute special about former Packers coach Vince Lombardi called "God, Family and the Green Bay Packers."

The other choices included a rerun of "The Donald Driver Show" from Monday, "MASH" and an infomercial starring former Dallas Cowboy Emmitt Smith.

The pre-empted "Seinfeld" episode is "The Mango" from Season 5. In the show Cosmo Kramer gets booted from a fruit store for trying to return a bad peach, George Costanza suffers impotence, yada yada yada.

Zollar said most people realized his station's move was in jest, but some thought the station should be treating the Giants better.

"Some people think we're mean," he said. "Some say we're not welcoming, that we should be gracious hosts, we should invite them in and be nice to their quarterback."

He said he doesn't understand how people could interpret the move as a sincere attempt at sabotage.

"Obviously, Eli coming to Green Bay, coming to watch a TV show at 5:30 p.m. the night before the game, it's pretty unlikely," he said.

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Hip-hop artist Foxy Brown touches her ear during a news conference to discuss her hearing loss in this Dec. 15, 2005, file photo in New York.

Judge wants more info on Foxy's ear woes

NEW YORK (AP)—A judge wants more information before she decides whether to let Foxy Brown get out of jail and go to California for repair of an electronic ear implant.

Acting state Supreme Court Justice Melissa Jackson said Thursday she wants proof that deafness looms unless the 28-year-old rapper goes to a Los Angeles clinic for treatment and repair of a cochlear implant.

Brown revealed her hearing problems during a court appearance in late 2004. Her petition says her condition is worsening in jail and her hearing faces serious harm unless she has the implant reprogrammed and repaired.

Assistant District Attorney Cindy Chung objected, saying Brown had offered nothing to show the medical procedure could not be done in New York. She said a jail inmate has no right to the doctor of her choice.

Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, was sentenced in September to a year in jail for violating probation. A judge had put her on probation after she pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault of two manicurists at a Manhattan nail salon in August 2004.

Jackson ordered Brown's lawyer, Laura Dilimetin, to give the rapper's medical records to the district attorney, the Department of Correction and the Department of Probation so they could file position papers. She said the records would be sealed.

"I need to have more information on this," the judge said.

Before being led out of the courtroom, Brown told the judge she had learned a lot in jail, including how to suppress her emotions and make better decisions.

"I have too much talent to throw it away," Brown said. "I know I will make you proud and my family proud."

Lohan to work in morgue as punishment

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan is about to see dead people. The 21-year-old actress will soon be working at a morgue as part of her punishment for misdemeanor drunken driving, her attorney, Blair Berk, told a judge Thursday.

She has also spent two months in rehabilitation and has done some community service, Berk said at a hearing on her progress toward fulfilling the terms of her plea bargain.

Her two four-hour days at the morgue are part of a court-ordered program to show drivers the real-life consequences of drinking and driving. She must also spend two days working in a hospital emergency room.

Lohan was arrested twice last year on DUI charges and pleaded guilty in August to misdemeanor drunken driving and cocaine charges. She has already served 84 minutes in jail as part of the plea deal.

Lohan was not required to appear at Thursday's hearing.

AP

Actress Lindsay Lohan is shown at the Los Angeles Lakers game in this Dec. 2, 2007 file photo in Los Angeles.

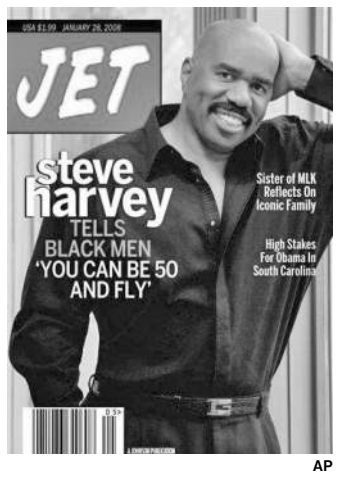
Harvey slimmer to show he's 'still fly'

NEW YORK (AP)—Steve Harvey wants men to know: "At 50, you are still fly."

And to prove it, he shaved his head and began exercising.

In an interview in Jet magazine, the actor-comedian says he began his transformation after talking to a listener on his radio program, "The Steve Harvey Morning Show."

"The girl said to me, `Steve, you're 50 and you are over the hill,'" Harvey recalls. "I started thinking, `Wow, I am over the hill?' I said `OK, I got to do something to stop this line of thinking. Because at 50, I should not be thought of as over the hill. At 50, a man ought to feel that he is on top of the hill.'"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In this image released by JET Magazine, comedian and actor Steve Harvey is shown.

He hired a personal trainer and now works out five days a week at his Atlanta home.

"I had a potbelly and love handles," says Harvey, who's lost 13 pounds. "I've been telling people you can be 50 and fly, but when I took my clothes off, I wasn't looking fly."

Harvey, who celebrated his 51st birthday Thursday, defines "fly" as looking great, but also being healthy and spiritually strong.

"Shaving my head was more of a spiritual thing for me. I wanted to be free," he says.

Harvey starred with Bernie Mac and Cedric the Entertainer in 2000's "The Original Kings of Comedy."

He shows off his new look on the cover of Jet's Jan. 28 issue, on newsstands Monday.

Lily Allen has suffered a miscarriage

British singer Lily Allen is shown in Las Vegas in this Aug. 7, 2007, file photo.

AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Lily Allen, who announced her pregnancy last month, has had a miscarriage.

"She and her partner, Ed Simons, will be making no further comment and we ask that their privacy be respected during this difficult time," Allen's spokesman, Jon Bills, said Friday in a statement.

Simons, 37, is a member of The Chemical Brothers.

Allen's cheeky debut album, "Alright, Still," which includes the hit single "Smile," was released in the U.S. last year. The 22-year-old British pop singer's follow-up CD is expected to be released this year.

Gary Collins released from Glendale jail

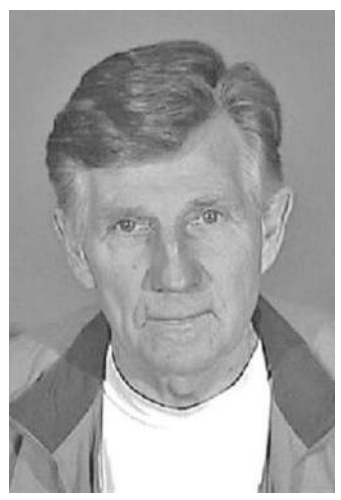
GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—Gary Collins was released from jail Friday after completing his four-day drunken driving sentence.

The 69-year-old TV personality and actor left the jail just after 6 a.m., Glendale police Officer John Balian said.

Kiefer Sutherland, who is serving a 48-day sentence for drunken driving, remained at the jail. Balian said the 41-year-old actor will be released Monday.

Balian said Collins was a good prisoner and "there were no problems" during his stay.

Collins pleaded no contest Dec. 6 to one misdemeanor count each of driving under the influence and driving with a blood-alcohol content of .08 percent or more. He was cited after a traffic crash in Sherman Oaks.



This police booking photo released by the Glendale, Calif., Police Department shows actor Gary Collins after he checked into jail, Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, to serve a four-day sentence in his drunken driving case in Glendale, Calif.

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Family confronts dilemma of care for ailing father

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been going round and round about nursing homes. My father's illness and memory loss have brought us face-to-face with the issue. This dilemma is not for those families who can afford to pay for someone to care for a patient in his or her own home. Nor does it apply to those who can afford an assisted-living facility.

When is it the "best-case scenario" for someone's continued care to be provided by a nursing home? Or should the parent be allowed to remain at home despite the consequences? Is it more compassionate to prolong his or her life in an environment that he or she would never have chosen or agreed to, or is it irresponsible to honor his or her wishes to live alone, with limited assistance, even though it may lead to an early death?

My father's care is far too complex and time-consuming for me or any other family member to take on in our own homes.

Your advice would be welcomed in making this complicated and emotional decision.

DISTRESSED DAUGHTER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR DAUGHTER: The decision you're facing is a wrenching one, and you have my sympathy. The question you must answer is, is your parent aware enough of his surroundings that he even knows where he is?

Has he reached the point that he could wander and be unable to find his way home? Is he getting enough to eat? Can he bathe himself, or does he need assistance with hygiene and dressing? Is there family close enough to check on him in case he falls? If there was a fire, would he know what to do?

These are scenarios in which your father should not be living alone. If he has become so demented that he is a danger to himself, then sad as it may be, you must listen to your conscience and understand that past promises no longer apply.

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DEAR ABBY: After giving my wife of 10 years a divorce at her request, she continues to contact me. She'll call about little things like what color to paint the house, things that are going on at work, or who she went dancing with. Why is she doing this?

ALREADY MOVED ON

DEAR ALREADY MOVED ON: Because on some level, although she requested the divorce, she's unable to completely let go. Or, she fantasizes that you're actually interested in the things she's talking about. If her calls are an imposition, why don't you tell her so and put an end to the conversation?

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a male, in my second year of high school. I'm interested in joining a club at school called the Gay Straight Alliance. The purpose of this club is to end prejudice against gays, lesbians and bisexual people. The club tries to show the community that gays are people, too, and that they don't deserve to be ridiculed and disrespected.

My parents oppose my wanting to join. They told me that because they do not support gay rights, I shouldn't either. My father even threatened to write the school board to keep me from joining the club. The school board must abide by his wishes if he writes them to do so. While I understand my parents' lack of support and do not expect it, would my father's actions be appropriate?

STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW

DEAR STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW: Not in my book. But he has done something right. He has raised a son with the intellect and backbone not only to think for himself, but also to speak out. It would be wonderful if you could educate your father, but don't count on being able to do so.

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Rams owner Georgia Frontiere dies in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Georgia Frontiere, the St. Louis native who became a hometown hero when she brought the NFL's Rams from Los Angeles in 1995, died Friday. She was 80.

Frontiere had been hospitalized for breast cancer for several months, the Rams said in a statement posted on their Web site.

"Georgia Frontiere was the first lady of sports in her native St. Louis," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement that also praised her philanthropy and concern for retired NFL players.

"Our mom was dedicated to being more than the owner of a football team," daughter Lucia Rodriguez and son Chip Rosenbloom said in the team's statement.

"She loved the Rams' players, coaches, and staff. The warmth and generosity she exuded will never be forgotten."

The one-time nightclub singer was married seven times, starting at age 15. Her sixth husband, Carroll Rosenbloom, owned the Los Angeles Rams at the time of his drowning death in 1979.

The Rams moved twice under Frontiere's leadership, first relocating from the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in 1980 to Anaheim, 35 miles away.

St. Louis' original NFL franchise, the Cardinals, had left for Arizona in 1988. After the city failed to land an expansion team, civic leaders built a $260 million, taxpayer-financed domed stadium anyway, in hopes of luring another team.

Frontiere, born in St. Louis, agreed in January 1995 to move, causing her to be demonized in Southern California but heralded in her hometown. At a downtown rally soon after the move was announced, thousands chanted "Georgia! Georgia!"

"You take my breath away," Frontiere told the crowd. "It's so good to be back in St. Louis, my hometown."

The Rams won the Super Bowl in 2000.

John Shaw, president of the Rams, said Frontiere was a "loyal, generous, and supportive owner who was totally committed" to the team.

"This is an enormous loss for me and for the Rams' organization. All of our prayers and sympathy go out to her family," Shaw said.

The Rams were the first major sports team to arrive in California when then they moved from Cleveland in 1946. They became the first football or baseball team to leave the state with the move to St. Louis.

Frontiere was a fixture at Rams games during the heyday of the "Greatest Show on Turf" teams that made the playoffs five out of six seasons from 1999 through 2004. Led by quarterback Kurt Warner, running back Marshall Faulk and receivers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt, the Rams won the 2000 Super Bowl 23-16 and lost the Super Bowl two seasons later on a last-second field goal.

AP

In this Jan. 30, 2000, file photo, St. Louis Rams owner Georgia Frontiere hugs the Super Bowl trophy after the Rams beat the Tennessee Titans 23-16 in Atlanta. Frontiere, the St. Louis native who became a hometown hero when she brought the NFL's Rams from Los Angeles in 1995, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008. She was 80.

Frontiere was born Georgia Irwin on Nov. 21, 1927, and attended Soldan High School before moving to California at age 15. She wed that year, though the marriage was eventually annulled, according to published reports.

Her second husband was killed when hit by a bus. She left her third husband to try to make it as a showgirl in Las Vegas. Her fourth marriage—to a stage manager of the Sacramento Music Circus—ended in divorce after three years. Husband No. 5 was a Miami television producer.

She married Rosenbloom in 1966, shortly after he took over the Baltimore Colts. He eventually swapped that franchise for the Rams, which his wife took control of after he drowned.

Frontiere remarried again after Rosenbloom's death. Her seventh husband, Dominic Frontiere, was an award-winning composer. They divorced in 1988 upon his release from prison after serving time on tax charges related to the scalping of more than 2,500 tickets to the 1980 Super Bowl in Pasadena.

Frontiere left day-to-day operation of her team to Shaw, both when the franchise was in Southern California and after the move to St. Louis.

Shaw continues to run the team from Los Angeles.

The team has missed the playoffs in each of the last three seasons.

Frontiere became involved in several philanthropic efforts in St. Louis after moving the team, including the creation in 1997 of the St. Louis Rams Foundation. According to the team's Web site, the Rams and the foundation have contributed more than $5 million to charities in the St. Louis area.

Frontiere also committed $1 million to the Fulfillment Fund, an organization that helps needy high school students pay for college.

She has served as a member of several boards, including the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, Saint Louis Symphony, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

In addition to her two children, she is survived by six grandchildren, and Earle Weatherwax, her companion of 19 years.

Roddick out Down Under

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Andy Roddick ran out of ways to vent his anger.

He berated the chair umpire. He cracked his racket. He pulled out of a serve and yelled at the crowd to "shut up." He also reeled off a personal-best 42 aces—three in one game to save match points—but none of it unnerved Philipp Kohlschreiber at the Australian Open.

The 29th-ranked German won 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (9), 6-7 (3), 8-6 in a third-round match that started after 10 p.m. Friday and finished at 2:04 a.m. Saturday.

"I took his best stuff for five sets and I thought I was going to get him to break or to fold," Roddick said. "I thought if I kept it on him long enough that that would happen. Tonight he played like a great, great player. There's no doubt about that."

In early play Saturday, 18-year-old Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland upset No. 2 Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-4.

The 29th-seeded Radwanska, who won junior titles at Wimbledon in 2005 and the French Open in 2006, broke Kuznetsova's serve at 4-4 in the second set.

Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion and last year's finalist in New York, hit a forehand into the net on match point, allowing Radwanska to advance to the fourth round.

Radwanska beat Maria Sharapova last year in the U.S. Open.

"It was exactly the same match—third round in the Grand Slam, playing No. 2 on center court," Radwanska said. "A Russian player, and in both matches I had nothing to lose."

Another top-seeded Russian lost Saturday, with No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze dropping a 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-2 decision to No. 27 Maria Kirilenko.

The losses by Kuznetsova and Chakvetadze left five of the original group of 15 Russians entered remaining in women's singles, including Sharapova.

Rain delayed matches on all outside courts Saturday, with play continuing at Rod Laver Arena and at Vodafone Arena, the other stadium at Melbourne Park with a retractable roof.

Roddick, seeded sixth, produced some impressive numbers, in addition to the aces. He made 72 percent of his first serves and committed only three double-faults. However, he broke his opponent only once.

"The whole match for me was perfect," Kohlschreiber said. "Just amazing, to start the year like this and beating such a good guy is the best thing that has happened to me in tennis."

Kohlschreiber reached the fourth round only before once at 14 previous Grand Slam tournaments, and that ended in a straight-sets loss to Roddick.

For Roddick, this match had the feel almost from the start of his five-hour marathon against Younes El Aynaoui five years ago in a quarterfinal in Australia. Then 20, Roddick won an Open era longest fifth set 21-19 in a match that finished after 2:30 a.m., also under the roof at Rod Laver Arena.

"Yeah, I thought about it," Roddick said.

Roddick came into the tournament after leading the United States to its first Davis Cup title since 1995 and winning the Kooyong exhibition tuneup for the third straight time. He left with his quest for a second major to go with his 2003 U.S.. Open title still unfulfilled.

"It's rough, yeah, but that's sports, man," Roddick said. "If you don't want an emotional roller coaster, if you want to be serene and kind of chilled out all day, then get a job serving Margaritas at the beach.

"When you decide to be a pro athlete you're going to have ups, you're going to have downs, you're going to have extreme highs and extreme lows. That's just the nature of the beast."

Amelie Mauresmo knows the feeling. In the match immediately before Roddick's, the 2006 Australian Open and Wimbledon champion was ousted in the third round by No. 78-ranked Casey Dellacqua, who didn't have a clothing sponsor until this week.

Mauresmo had 10 double-faults, including one to set up match point for Dellacqua, who finished off a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory with a forehand winner as the crowd burst into cheers for the last local hope in the women's draw.

No. 2 Rafael Nadal saved six set points in the first against Frenchman Gilles Simon before winning 7-5, 6-2, 6-3. The Spaniard faces another Frenchman in the fourth round after No. 23 Paul-Henri Mathieu rallied for a 4-6, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-5, 8-6 win over Austria's Stefan Koubek.

"In every tournament, you have to overcome difficult moments. It's important, because you feel the pressure," Nadal said. "It's important to play in difficult moments and is important to have alternatives when the things are not doing very well."

No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko beat France's Marc Gicquel and next plays fellow Russian Mikhail Youzhny, a 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 winner over Croatia's Ivo Karlovic.

A section of the draw that could have offered a fourth-round showdown between friends and U.S. Davis Cup teammates—Roddick and Mardy Fish—will now feature Kohlschreiber against No. 24 Jarkko Nieminen, who beat Fish in four sets.

Serena Williams' only blemish in her four most recent trips to Melbourne Park was a third-round loss two years ago.

It was no stumbling block this time. The defending champion defeated Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-4 , yielding only six points in a stretch of seven service games to improve her record to 26-1 since 2003 with titles in '03, '05 and last season.

"I feel pretty good about where I am," she said. "Hopefully, I'll peak later in the tournament."

Justine Henin, who won in Australia in 2004 when Williams was injured, struggled with her serve but beat Francesca Schiavone 7-5, 6-4 for her 31st consecutive match victory since an upset semifinal loss at Wimbledon in June.

She will face qualifier Hsieh Su-wei, who beat Aravane Rezai 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-4 to become the first Taiwanese to reach the fourth round at a major.

Williams will meet No. 12 Nicole Vaidisova, a 6-3, 6-4 winner over Japan's Ai Sugiyama, in a rematch of last year's semifinal.

No. 5 Sharapova, the runner-up last season, ran off the last nine games in a 6-3, 6-0 win over Elena Vesnina and will have to play another Russian in the next round - No. 11 Elena Dementieva beat Israel's Shahar Peer 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3 Jelena Jankovic had a lapse in the second set and a code violation for coaching—from her mother in the players' box - in the third set of a 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 win over No. 30 Virginie Razzano of France.

In other women's matches Saturday, Wimbledon champion Venus Williams faced No. 31 Sania Mirza of India.

Roger Federer, seeking a third consecutive Australian title, is third match on center court against Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic. Lleyton Hewitt and Marcos Baghatis, losing finalists in 2005 and '06, meet in what could be another marathon at night.

Heat slumps to 12th straight loss

MIAMI (AP)—The hapless Miami Heat lost a 12th consecutive NBA game Friday even after leading the Portland Trail Blazers by seven points entering the fourth quarter.

Dwyane Wade scored 37 points, including a team record 20 points in the third quarter and a franchise record 17 consecutive points, but still the Blazers won 98-91.

Portland won for the ninth time after trailing at the start of the final quarter.

The Blazers regained sole possession of first place in the Northwest Division, a half-game ahead of Denver.

The Heat's dozen losses represents its longest losing streak since late 2001. They last won on Dec. 22.

Kings 100, Pistons 93

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Ron Artest came off the bench to score 18 points, including a key basket late in the game, and lift Sacramento to victory over Detroit.

Artest, suspended 73 games after instigating a Nov. 2004 brawl here, made a 3-pointer with less than 4 minutes to go to give the Kings a cushion they'd never lose.

The Pistons have lost two of their last three and dropped the season series to the Kings.

Suns 115, Timberwolves 95

In Phoenix, Minnesota was thumped by Phoenix to slump to 15th consecutive road loss.

Steve Nash went 6-for-6 from the field for the Suns and 4-for-4 from the free throw line for 17 points with 13 assists.

Warriors 119, Bulls 111

In Chicago, Baron Davis matched a career high with 40 points, hitting six 3-pointers, to lead Golden State over Chicago.

Golden State used a strong finish, with Stephen Jackson secoring 12 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter.

Celtics 116, 76ers 89

In Boston, Paul Pierce scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter to trigger Boston's win over Philadelphia.

Ray Allen then scored 10 of his 23 in the fourth as the Celtics pulled away.

Boston's has won consecutive games after dropping three from four—the only blip for the league leaders.

Hornets 112, Bobcats 84

In New Orleans, the home side won its fourth straight game with victory over Charlotte.

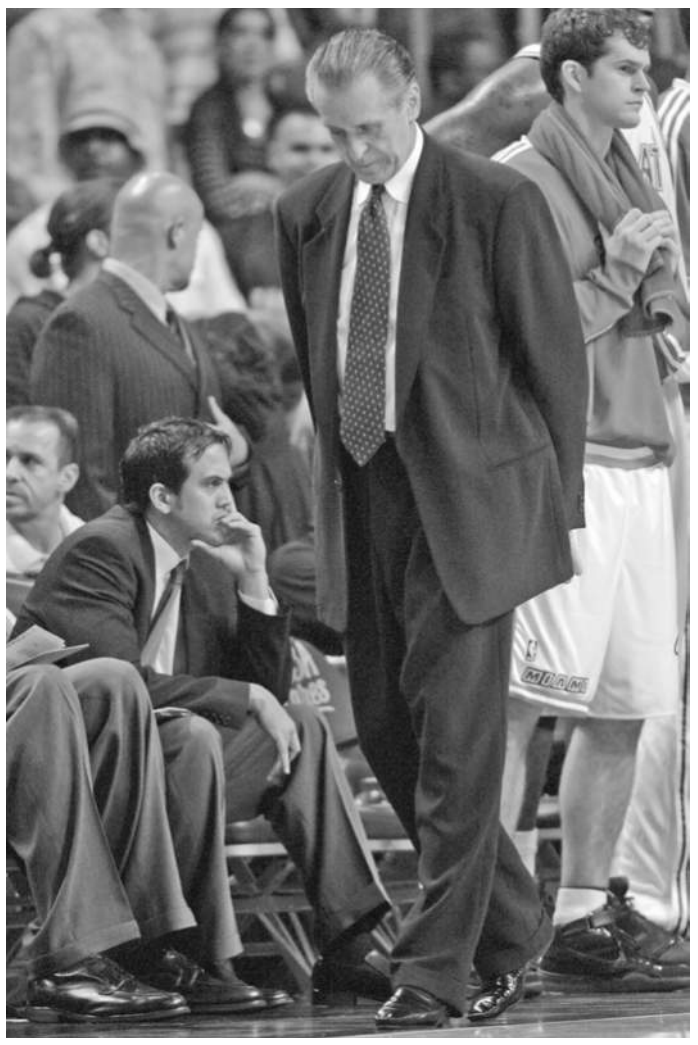
David West scored 28 points in 32 minutes for the Hornets, who shot 60 percent in winning for the 12th time in 14 games to keep pace with Western Conference leader Phoenix.

Jazz 106, Clippers 88

In Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 19 points and 10 rebounds and Utah recovered from a humbling loss to beat Los Angeles.

The Jazz had lost at Denver on Thursday, letting a close game get away in the second half against their division rivals.

The Clippers are 1-30 at the Delta Center.



AP

Miami Heat head coach Pat Riley looks down as he walks on the sideline during the final seconds of the fourth quarter of a basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers, in Miami, Friday, Jan. 18, 2008. The Trial Blazers won 98-91, handing the Heat their 12th consecutive loss.

Raptors 89, Hawks 78

In Toronto, the home side downed Atlanta to record its fifth win in six games.

Chris Bosh had 35 points and nine rebounds, and Anthony Parker scored 18 points for the Raptors.

The Hawks lost back-to-back games for the first time in almost three weeks.

Wizards 111, Knicks 98

In Washington, the home side snapped New York's three-game winning streak.

Antawn Jamison scored 32 points, and Caron Butler added 22 to stretch his made free-throw streak to an NBA season-high 54.

The Knicks haven't won four straight since January 2006.

Washington has won four of its past five games, despite playing without injured All-Star Gilbert Arenas since November.

Grizzlies 124, SuperSonics 100

In Memphis, Tennessee, Seattle lost to Memphis and crashed to its ninth straight defeat.

Pau Gasol had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike Miller added 25 points for the Grizzlies, who snapped a five-game skid.

Seattle had not lost nine straight since the 1972-73 season.

Gamez shoots 67 to move ahead in Hope Classic

PALM DESERT, California (AP)—Robert Gamez, in the tournament on an exemption, struggled at times and still shot a 5-under 67 to take the lead after three rounds of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic on Friday.

Gamez went to 18-under 198, good for a one-shot lead over Justin Leonard and D.J. Trahan through 54 holes.

Gamez was surprised to be in front.

"The wind didn't blow very much and I don't think the golf course played that difficult," Gamez said. "I don't know what the weather was like at the other courses, but I am a little shocked to shoot 5 under and be leading.

"I left at least four (strokes) out there. I missed a couple of little, short birdie putts, a 3-footer and a 4-footer, two holes in a row on the back. And then I had a three-putt on the back, the par 5, and missed a short par putt on seven."

When there is no wind at the desert event, scores usually go extremely low. Joe Durant finished 36 under when he set the tournament record in 2001.

So Gamez expected a lot of players to rack up birdies during the third round.

"They were out there for the taking, with the wind being down, the weather being warmer," he said. "I thought there would be a lot of lower scores."

Leonard, the 2005 champion, had a 67 to pull into the tie for second. Trahan shared the lead with Gamez after the second day, and shot a third-round 68.

Boo Weekley vaulted into contention with a 10-under 62 that put him at 201, three shots off the lead.

Weekley, Gamez and Leonard played at PGA West, one of four courses used for the pro-am portion of the 90-hole tournament. Trahan was at La Quinta Country Club.

Leonard said he missed a few birdie chances, but was pleased with his round.

"I think I hit everything on the button today," Leonard said. "I didn't always hit it where I wanted to, but I hit the ball pretty solid."

Weekley had 11 birdies, six on the back nine, and one bogey.

He said he obviously played well, and enjoyed his amateur playing partners.

"I have fun with it. It just kind of reminds me of when I get to go home and play golf with my buddies," Weekley said. "That's just my mind-set, that's the way I take it for what it is.

"I just got different names for my buddies."

Kenny Perry (65), Anthony Kim (67), Steve Elkington (69) and Tim Petrovic (68) were tied for fifth at 203.

Walker reveals multiple personalities

ATLANTA (AP)—Georgia football great Herschel Walker has multiple personalities—a revelation in an upcoming book that surprises the man who coached the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner.

"That's all news to me," former Georgia coach Vince Dooley said in Friday editions of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "All I know is whatever personality he had when he had the football was the one I liked."

"Breaking Free" will chronicle Walker's life with multiple personality disorder, according to Shida Carr, a publicist at Simon & Schuster.

Carr said the book will be published in August, but gave no other details and declined to provide excerpts.

In three seasons at Georgia, Walker led the Bulldogs to a 33-3-1 record, three straight Southeastern Conference championships and the 1980 national title. He won the Heisman as a junior, then left school a year early to sign with the now-defunct U.S. Football League.

Walker played for the Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Vikings, Philadelphia Eagles and New York Giants. He has lived in Dallas since his playing career ended.

A former Georgia teammate also was caught off guard by Walker's revelation.

"I'm probably one of his closest friends and that's news to me," said Frank Ros, who was captain of Georgia's 1980 national championship team. "I knew he was working on a book but I just thought it was about football. He does 100 things at once and always has projects going on, but that blows me away."

The newspaper said Walker could not be reached for comment.

Multiple personality disorder, also known as dissociative identity disorder, is a rare mental condition in which one person has two or more distinct personalities, according to the Merck Manual of Medical Information.

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Washington	21	17	.553	1 1/2
Atlanta	17	19	.472	4 1/2
Charlotte	15	24	.385	8
Miami	8	30	.211	14 1/2

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Cleveland	21	18	.538	7 1/2
Indiana	18	22	.450	11
Milwaukee	16	23	.410	12 1/2
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Memphis	11	28	.282	16

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Denver	23	15	.605	1/2
Utah	23	18	.561	2
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Minnesota	5	33	.132	18 1/2

Pacific Division

Phoenix	28	12	.700	
L.A. Lakers	26	12	.684	1
Golden State	24	17	.585	4 1/2
Sacramento	16	22	.421	11
L.A. Clippers	11	24	.314	14 1/2

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Kenny Perry	66	72	65	203
Steve Elkington	66	68	69	203
Ben Crane	66	69	69	204
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Jin Park	69	74	66	209
Brian Davis	72	69	69	210
Omar Uresti	65	72	73	210
Steve Flesch	72	69	69	210
Charlie Wi	68	68	74	210
Mark O'Meara	69	71	70	210
Jeff Sluman	71	67	72	210
Shaun Micheel	72	71	67	210
Alex Cejka	71	71	68	210
Michael Allen	69	71	70	210
Lucas Glover	70	71	69	210
Robert Allenby	73	69	68	210
Michael Letzig	68	75	67	210
Chris Stroud	70	71	69	210
Tommy Armour III	70	71	70	211
Jeff Maggert	70	71	70	211
Martin Laird	71	69	71	211
Jon Mills	69	70	72	211
Olin Browne	68	68	75	211
Paul Claxton	70	73	68	211
Dean Wilson	71	69	71	211
Johnson Wagner	67	71	73	211
Steve Marino	72	71	68	211
Heath Slocum	69	70	72	211
Charley Hoffman	68	72	71	211
Mark Brooks	71	70	70	211
Cliff Kresge	70	72	70	212
Cameron Beckman	70	73	69	212
Kevin Sutherland	70	71	71	212
Brad Elder	71	72	69	212
Justin Bolli	72	71	69	212
George McNeill	68	73	71	212
John Rollins	71	72	69	212
Carl Pettersson	69	76	67	212
Scott McCarron	68	74	70	212
Billy Andrade	73	70	69	212
Rocco Mediate	70	70	72	212
Mark Calcavecchia	67	71	74	212
Eric Axley	69	71	72	212
Todd Hamilton	67	69	76	212
J.J. Henry	71	72	69	212
Rich Beem	72	72	68	212
Jason Gore	71	72	69	212
Chris DiMarco	72	67	73	212
John Daly	71	70	71	212
Woody Austin	68	72	73	213
Scott Sterling	72	74	67	213
Ryan Armour	70	75	68	213
Billy Mayfair	68	74	71	213
Kevin Streelman	67	72	74	213
Fred Couples	69	73	71	213
Paul Goydos	72	70	71	213
Chad Campbell	76	68	69	213
Paul Stankowski	76	69	69	214
Nick Flanagan	68	70	76	214
Bob Tway	73	73	68	214
Lee Janzen	66	77	71	214
Jason Allred	72	72	70	214
Ron Whittaker	69	73	72	214
Nathan Green	68	75	71	214
Tim Wilkinson	69	73	72	214
Briny Baird	73	74	68	215
Shigeki Maruyama	65	76	74	215
Will MacKenzie	67	75	73	215
Troy Matteson	78	67	70	215
Daniel Chopra	73	74	68	215
Patrick Sheehan	73	71	72	216
Kent Jones	70	75	71	216
Cody Freeman	73	71	73	217
Todd Demsey	71	75	71	217
Travis Perkins	73	71	73	217
Richard Johnson	72	74	71	217
Marc Turnesa	70	73	74	217
Tag Ridings	68	78	74	220
Stephen Leaney	72	78	70	220
Matt Kuchar	73	75	73	221
J.L. Lewis	72	74	75	221
Tim Herron	70	74	77	221
David Duval	73	77	73	223
Erik Wolf	78	77	76	231

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The Week in Sports

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Ji Hoon Heo prepares to serve in this file photo taken in one of his match in a tournament on Saipan last year.

Experienced Heo returns today

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Ji Hoon Heo returns today armed with additional international experience after a three-week long stint in three separate junior tennis tournaments in Australia.

Heo, who left Saipan on Dec. 27, joined the International Tennis Federation- Pacific Oceania Junior touring team that saw action in the 2008 Ducats G.V. Junior Tennis Tournament, 2008 Australia Post Margaret Court Cup, and the 2008 CountryLink Victorian Junior Classic

Heo, who previously scored stunning upsets over seeded opponents, finally met his match in the boys' 16-and-under singles and doubles—with partner William O'Connell—semis losing both matches.

The 15-year-old Korean-born netter, however, earned some consolation after becoming the only unseeded and non-Australian player that went up against homegrown and top-ranked opponents in the semifinals.

The top seeded Adam Taylor—who won the 16-and-under division title—fourth-ranked Ethan Tulliani, and No. 2 Rory de Bouer are all from Australia.

He also entered the semifinal round of the consolation draw of two age divisions in the Ducats Junior Classic and reached the singles division quarterfinals in the Margaret Court Cup then teamed up with O'Connell to make it to the Last 16 in the doubles.

Fourteen-year-old Michael Moran bested 15 other swimmers to complete the aquatic journey from Pau Pau Beach to Managaha Island in just over two hours in the Eagle Ray 7K Ocean Swim Redux.

Moran was just short of the course record set by Cooper Graf last Dec. 15. Graf's unofficial time was one hour and 55 minutes.

High-flying volleyball action began last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with four teams winning their debut at the start of the Men's Indoor Winter League organized by the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association.

Menudo, Home Boyz, Islanders, and Ol'Aces each scored wins over CH-Hammer, No Fear, Fanians, and Ma Numel'u. Beach Jammers, which drew a bye, complete the cast of participating teams.

The Saipan Bowling Association and Philippine Bowling Association also honored the top bowlers playing in tournaments and leagues they have organized in a banquet held at the Saipan Grand Hotel's Club V.

SBA awarded the winners of their recently concluded King, Queen, and Prince/Princess of the Lanes, while PBA gave out the prizes for the top winners of the 37h PBA-Budweiser Saturday Night League.

Jon Hensley won the King of the Lanes title, while Diane Camacho was crowned the 2007 Queen. Jamie Vales, meanwhile, knocked out the top seeds to claim the Princess tiara.

In the PBA-Budweiser Saturday league, SBC/J's Restaurant claimed the title after narrowly escaping with a 59.5-36.5 win-loss record in the six-month long competition.

The Saipan Electronic Darts Association also held the award ceremony of the 2007 season of the Summer/Fall Budweiser Darts League last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Leading the top three winning teams were the Oleai Black Stallions, sister team D Compañeros, and Krystal Wild Guys in the Masters division while Vargas Snipers, Jonny's Flame Throwers, and Porky's Put It In were victorious in the A class.

The Tuesday B winners were the Bud's 80 Proofers, Porky's PC Destroyers, and Jonny's Oh My Gosh with Porky's Porketteers, Bud's Hammer Time, and Jonny's You Know duplicating their feat in the Thursday B league.

Jonny's Insane Dart Posse, Gaia Assassins, and Oleai Island Mix Shooters were the top teams in the C division while Porky's Mixed Porkie, Bud's Beat, and Jonny's Fearless completed the list of winners in the Ladies class.

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The ball bounces off the hands of a Home Boyz player as No Fear's Hank Magofna spikes it in their Tuesday night's game at the start of the 2008 season of the Men's Indoor Winter Volleyball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Members of SBC/J's Restaurant, from left, Jon Eparwa, Edward Baluyan, Paul Pangelinan, and Robert Talavera pose with their championship and individual trophies during Sunday's banquet of the 37th season of the Philippine Bowling Association-Budweiser Saturday Night League at Saipan Grand Hotel's Club V.

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Saipan Bowling Association president Jerry Tan, from left, joins the winners of the 2007 King of the Lanes during last Sunday's banquet at the Saipan World Resort's Club V. Others in photo are Jon Hensley, Ador Dimaano, Raymond Zapanta, Dannie Robles, Kitz Barja, and Raymond Angeles.

Members of the Oleai Black Stallions celebrate their Masters division win in Sunday's award ceremony of the 2007 Summer/Fall season of the Budweiser Darts League at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

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Participants of Eagle Ray 7K Ocean Swim Redux pose at Managaha beach after completing the early-morning swim from Pau Pau Beach to Managaha Island.

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Kayakers follow the participants of Eagle Ray 7K Ocean Swim Redux in the early-morning swim from Pau Pau Beach to Managaha Island.

Rams owner Georgia Frontiere dies in LA

Georgia Frontiere, the St. Louis native who became a hometown hero when she brought the NFL's Rams from Los Angeles in 1995, died Friday. She was 80. 25

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The CNMI Junior Nationals finished what the D-1 Ulloa's had started and eliminated top seed and pennant winner Ol'Aces on Friday night in the playoff round of the BANMI-Budweiser Cup Men's Islandwide Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Junior Nationals used an 11-1 run in the third period as a momentum builder to breeze to a 115-93 thrashing of the Ol'Aces. The Junior Nationals advance to the next round and will wait for the loser of the Ulloa's-Southern Sonics match tomorrow for their next opponent.

There is a possibility that the Nationals would face the Sonics for the sixth time in more than six months if ever the coach Jesse Tudela mentored squad beat the Ulloa's.

It was a sorry loss for the Ol'Aces, which also suffered a stunning 104-93 loss to Ulloa's on Jan. 14, as they failed to brandish the same form that gave them a league-best 11-1 record in the elimination round.

They defeated the Junior Nationals, 103-98, on Oct. 20 the win a part of their six-game winning run before the Saipan Stevedore Suns ended it with a thrilling 87-85 victory on Nov. 9.

Arguably missing was Elias Rangamar's playmaking abilities, the steady outside shooting of Elias Saralu and Taj Van Buren, and the clutch hitting of John Santos as they were hounded all throughout the second half by the Junior Nationals' suffocating defense.

The Ol'Aces that showed up Friday night were listless and a disorganized crew that were pitted against a young and pumped up Junior Nationals.

An Allan Moses jumper ignited an 11-1 spurt that turned a 59-all count to a 70-60 spread with 5:23 left in the third period.

The Junior Nationals then closed out with a 15-7 exchange highlighted by Bill Babauta's heads up plays in the final two minutes of the game.

Holding a 70-65 lead, Babauta missed both free throws but grabbed the offensive board and was fouled by Van Buren. He split his charities and again collared the rebound then issued an assist to a streaking Steve Tenorio, who finished off with a two-handed shot.

The Ol'Aces turned the ball over in their next ball possession with Babauta getting the lose ball and again issuing a pass to Jericho Cruz for an 82-65 count, 1:49 left in the third.

The Ol'Aces had a mini run of their own at the start of the fourth quarter as consecutive lay-ups by Van Buren brought his team within five, 80-85, with two minutes gone in the game clock.

Junior Nationals assistant coach Ed Manalili saw enough and immediately called a time out to break the Ol'Aces' momentum. When play resumed the Junior Nationals dropped an 18-7 bomb to enjoy a 103-87 spread with 3:28 left finally silencing their opponents.

With the Junior Nationals enjoying a 20-points bubble in the final 2:48 of the game, Manalili had the luxury of sitting his starters and sent in his second unit to finish off the job.

Cruz paced the Junior Nationals with 32 points while Moses added 21 markers. Keoni Chariton and Babauta ended up with 19 and 12 each. Won Joo Jung, Marvin Rabauliman and Tenorio combined for 23 points off the bench.

Peter Camacho, who was injured in the Ol'Aces' loss to the Ulloa's, returned to action finishing with a team-high 26 points while Santos and Van Burren chipped in 17 apiece.

Joe Lifoifoi barreled his way inside to end up with 14 points while Rangamar and Saralu were held to eight and six markers.

In the second game, Richard Brostrom scored 18 points while Ed Palma and Bruce Berline added 17 and 15 more as the Bombers survived a last-minute rally by the Runnin' Rebels to escape with a 92-87 win.

Joel Punzalan, Warren Villegas,a nd Tony Raho combined for 35 points to provide scoring support.

Joey Dela Cruz led the Rebels, which were knocked out after consecutive losses, with 20 points while Jose Tumaquip and Jholan Mendoza contributed 18 and 14 more. Ivan Devero and Mike Olaitiman had 12 each.

First game

CNMI Junior Nationals 115—Cruz 32, Moses 21, Chariton 19, Babauta 12, Jung 8, Rabauliman 8, Tenorio 7, Deleon Guerrero 4, Norita 4.

Ol'Aces 93—Camacho 26, Santos 17, Van Buren 17, Lifoifoi 14, Rangamar 8, Saralu 6, Celes 3, Renguul 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-24, 53-51, 85-72, 115-93.

Second game

Bombers 92—Brostrom 18, Palma 17, Berline 15, Punzalan 13, Villegas 13, Raho 9, Johnson 7.

Runnin' Rebels 87—Dela Cruz 20, Tumaquip 18, Mendoza 14, Devero 12, Olaitiman 12, Iguel 7, Magofna 2, Omar 2.

Scoring by quarters: 27-11, 48-28, 62-61, 92-87.